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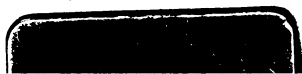


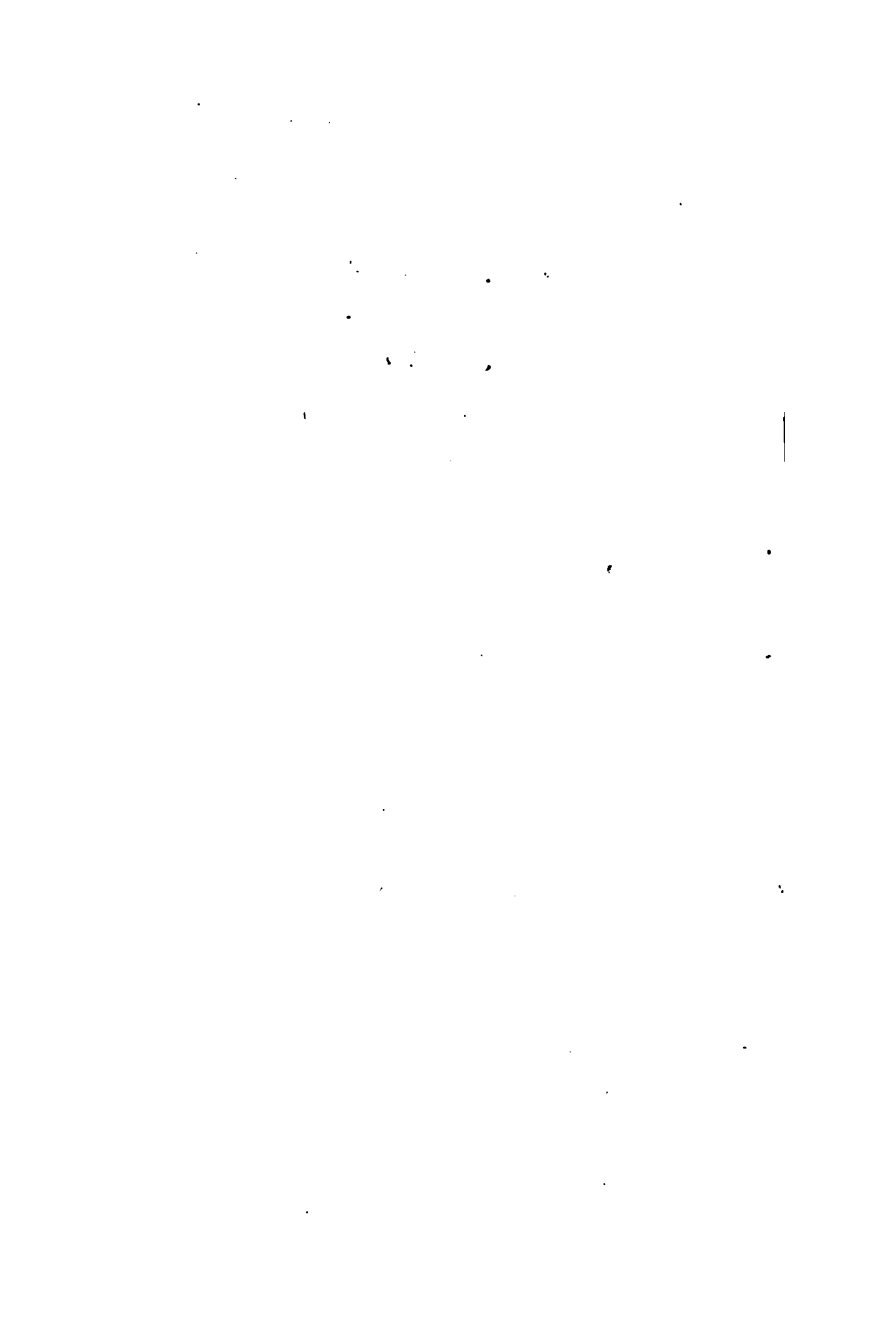
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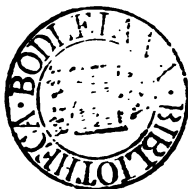
SHORT PRAYERS,

FOR THE

MORNING AND EVENING

OF EACH DAY IN OUR ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR,

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CHRISTIAN FRIEND,

LET me commend to you this work, undertaken, I would fain trust, in the spirit of prayer, and ask from you a petition, that it may accomplish the end whereunto it aimeth.

I would commend it to you on several grounds, the which were my inducements to pen, and then to publish, it.

And first, though the work will be bulky, without making it so, I could not attain one object, namely, to give a prayer for the morning and evening of each day in our ecclesiastical year. And this I deemed desirable, because, where prayers are frequently repeated, there is the fear that a feeling of formality may be begotten; and, consequently, the less frequent the repetition, the less must be the fear that mere formality will take the place of the spirit, which only can make our words, however scriptural and correct they may be, into prayers.

Then the prayers are short; but, my object being to induce, if possible, a more universal adoption of that wholesome and holy practise, the meeting of a family for morning and evening worship, I conceived that it would be best promoted by short forms. The mind, so apt to wander, has scarcely time to do so, if it be yielded to the spirit of prayer with the opening words, ere the short prayer is closed.

The short prayer in the morning does not inconveniently interfere with the progress of household duties; and, in the evening, it permits a sufficient space of time for the reading of a portion of Scripture, with a comment, which I would presume most strongly to recommend and urge for general adoption.

The short prayer allows no excuse to the man of business, that he has not time to call his household around him, to ask with one voice a blessing from God, and to acknowledge His sovereignty, and seek His aid for each day.

The short prayer admits no plea for the omission of our private devotions in our own chamber, for which, household worship can never be a substitute; and it never will be attempted to be made so by the praying Christian.

The short prayer admits, without inconvenience, of the introduction of petitions suited to particular occasions.

And, lastly, the short prayer accords with the form which our blessed Lord Himself taught and commanded us to use ; and which, it is surely not necessary to remark, I intend should be universally added to each of the following prayers.

I hope I do not presume when I say, that my sole object in this publication has been to glorify God, by endeavouring to promote a spirit of prayer, without which an attendance in the house of God is but a mockery. Let us teach men to pray at home, and they *must* come to "the house of prayer." And, in this consists one of the chiefest excellencies of our District visiting societies, that the visitors urge a spirit of prayer, and bring among their poorer brethren the word of God, with prayer, that it may be sanctified to their souls' comfort.

May He, who only can do it, bless my work; may the great Advocate of all men, plead for those who use it; and may the Holy Spirit sanctify every heart to accompany the lips which shall read, and the ears which shall hear, its words.

Christian friend, whoever you are, to whom these lines come, may God give you grace to be sober, and watch unto prayer, and may the end of you and me be eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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PRAYERS.

MORNING.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast once appeared upon earth in man's nature, to suffer for our redemption, and hast ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of God, until Thou shalt come again in Thy glory to judge both the quick and dead, inspire us, we beseech Thee, with such a sense of Thy mercy and love, of Thy power and majesty, that we may walk here as Thy redeemed, and be prepared to reign with Thee in the glory which awaits Thy saints in heaven. Raise us, both in body and spirit, from the sleep of sin, into which we so continually fall, that we slumber not to our eternal destruction. Enable us to see our danger, and to understand the snares which surround us on every side; make us to know that we have a fight to fight as we pass through this world; that we may be strong in Thee, and in the power of Thy might. And do Thou let Thy Holy Spirit be especially present with us this day, as we go into Thy house, that our hearts may be bent with our knees, and that we may feel and know where we are and what we have to do. We pray, Lord not only for ourselves, but for all who shall enter with us this day into Thy courts; may we all be one by Thy Spirit, and bless we beseech Thee, such as are kept from assembling themselves together in the house of prayer by sickness or necessity; enable them to join us in spirit, though the body be absent, and remove their hinderances from them speedily. And be Thou present with us, according to Thy promise, now, and in all our meetings in Thy name, O blessed Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God and Father, who didst, in pure mercy, send Thine only Son Jesus Christ to dwell in the form of man upon earth, to be our example, and by death to redeem us from the power of sin and Satan, that we might be Thy people, and Thou our God, visit us, in this our day of trial and temptation, we pray Thee, and give us grace and strength to meet its difficulties and to conquer. Turn our eyes, with unwavering earnestness to Him, our Saviour; and at this time especially, prepare our hearts by the purifying influence of Thy Spirit, that they may become Thy temples, whence Thy voice may be heard speaking in us and by us. O Lord, we have entered this day into Thine house; we have stood before Thee with the language of adoration; we have bent in prayer; we have sat to hear Thine anointed minister utter Thy word, and give warning; but in all this, we would own, with humble and contrite hearts, that we have come very far short of our duty, of what we owe to Thee. O Lord, pardon us; ere we lie down to rest, blot out our sin; for Jesus's sake be merciful unto us, and remember not our offence, which how small soever it may seem to man, we know to be great, and destructive of both soul and body, unless washed out in the blood of the Lamb. So wash us, O Lord, that when our Saviour Christ shall appear, we may be ready to meet Him; may have finished our course in faith, and won, through Thy Spirit's aid, the crown of glory which He purchased for us. Yea, Lord, grant this for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

MOST gracious Lord, eternal and self-existent God, we, Thine unworthy, Thy sinful creatures come into Thy presence, bold in the confidence which we have of Thy mercy in Christ Jesus ; but trembling lest our sins should cause Thee to turn Thy face from us. Yet, since Thou wouldest not, O Lord, that any should perish ; since Thou art not extreme to mark what we do amiss, we dare to flee unto Thee, as a sure and certain refuge, in whom we may place all our confidence and trust ; we dare to look up, to Thee, and petition for Thy favor, to ask Thine aid. Give to each one of us patience, and a persevering spirit in well doing ; make us zealous of good works ; incline our hearts unto Thy law ; shew us Thy will, and teach us Thy commandments. Pour upon us of Thy Holy Spirit without measure ; that we may work now whilst it is called day ; that we may labor earnestly to secure the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus ; and may assist each other in running the race that is set before us. Oh, enable us to see that we are all members of one family, not merely as an earthly household, but as a heavenly ; that we are all the redeemed of one Saviour, the creatures of one God, that we may strive with each other and so advance together as Christians ; growing more and more in the knowledge and love of Thee and of Thy Son Jesus Christ, for whose sake we pray Thee to receive these our petitions and also those He Himself has taught us :—
Our Father,

EVENING.

O LORD, we would now offer unto Thee our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. Open Thou our lips, we beseech Thee, that we may do it aright, and give us such enduring faith and trust in Thy dear Son, that it may be acceptable with Thee. Make us duly sensible of the uncertainty of life; shew us the dangers which surround, the evils that threaten, that we may have a full sense of Thy mercy in preserving us to meet here together at the close of another day. If we have escaped the commission of any grievous sin whereto we were tempted through its continuance, oh, give us thankful hearts for the spirit of grace which restrained us. And make us mindful that the good things which we have received during its hours were all Thy gifts, the fruits of Thine abundant love to Thy unworthy creatures. Do Thou so impress us with a holy and just sense of this love, that we may love Thee above all things; that we may seek Thee with the fervor of a growing affection, and do Thy work and bidding in every hour. Shew us our blessed Saviour as He went about, engaged in Thy business, and enable us to do the same, for Thou art our common Father. Give us an earnest desire to study His character, to imitate His example, to understand His holy disposition, that we may reflect back upon the world so great, so glorious, and heavenly a life, doing good to all within our reach, but giving to Thee and Thee only the glory. We beseech Thee to hear us for His sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING

O MERCIFUL God, and everlasting Father, hear, we beseech Thee, the prayers with which we now come into Thy presence in humility of spirit, and vouchsafe an answer to all those petitions which with true faith we offer unto Thee. We own, O Lord, that our faith is very weak, and we have need to tremble in our belief, for our sins are many, and each day renews them. Oh, help us, for we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves. Guide us, for we continually err and stray from thy ways, because we lack the illumination of Thy Spirit. Teach us, for we know not what is good for us, nor the things which we ought to ask of Thee. Yet we do know that we have an Advocate; we believe that Jesus is a very present help to all who seek Him, and that, if we come unto Him, we shall not be cast out. Seal this holy, this comfortable assurance on the hearts of each one of us, we earnestly beseech Thee. Shew us that living way by which we may approach the mercy-seat, and find comfort, consolation, and peace. Take us, one and all, into Thine hands, O Lord; mould and fashion us, that we may bear upon our souls and hearts the likeness of Him, in whose steps we ought to walk, by whose example we ought to live, Jesus Christ our life. Oh, do thou, most merciful God, go forth with us into the world this day to keep us from its temptations and snares; its follies and vain designs whose very breath is death, and preserve us in the faith of thy dear Son for His own sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and who wilt not clear the guilty, so cleanse us, who would now meet Thee in prayer, from the taint of sin, that we may rejoice in Thy presence, find comfort to our souls, and be satisfied. Oh, pardon us our many vain imaginations this day; our unprofitable thoughts, whereby we have wasted opportunities, neglected means, and lost most precious time. Forgive all idle words which may have escaped our lips, and blotted the record of this day's doings with a detail of sin. Recall to us how much we might, and how little we have done, as the precious hours of another day have gone by, and the shadows of another evening have closed upon us. Yea, Lord, mercifully draw our minds to a patient and anxious inquiry into the unthought of, because mistakenly conceived small, offences of our lives. We err herein, we deceive ourselves, and shew too surely that the truth is not in us; for we know it is written, the soul that sinneth, it shall die. Thy word has declared it; but we must condemn ourselves that we have not studied Thy word, as the book of life; that we have not pondered Thy commandments as the rule of our doings, nor read our blessed Lord's example as given for us to mark and follow. Oh, teach us better things; strengthen us where we have been weak, and, where in error, enlighten and correct. Turn us, good Lord, and so shall we be turned, be merciful unto us and forgive us our sins and lead us for the time to come, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, our Father, we Thy rebellious children again approach Thee with the accents of prayer. Let Thy Spirit enable us to pray, and give us humble hearts that our petitions may be available with Thee. Shew unto us the riches of Thy grace, the great and boundless extent of Thy love towards the whole human race. Make us, in each hour, to see Thy fatherly hand guiding, Thy paternal arm sheltering us. Enable us, in the dawn of each returning day, to perceive Thy goodness which protected us through the darkness of another night; and bring us day by day, on our knees, in our chambers to Thyself with the power of prayer, the voice of thanksgiving. Oh, that we could not only realise Thy love, but make some acknowledgment, some return, though it be feeble, and all unequal as a return, for Thy mercies. Oh, that we could proclaim those mercies; and, in entire dependence on Thy love in Christ Jesus, could throw ourselves into Thine arms, and hide ourselves in Thy bosom from the evils and disquietudes of life; could there find a harbour of peace and rest even amid the turmoils of time. Oh, that we could seek less of comfort in our distress from the world, and less of ease in our sorrows from men, and be led to find in Thee a Comforter who cannot fail, a Friend ever ready, a God plenteous in goodness. Oh, that we could cast all our care upon Him who careth for us, even Christ, and in His strength be strong to combat every evil of life, every design of our enemy the devil. Grant it, O Lord, and every other we need for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we are Thy children, the creatures of Thine hands. Thou hast made and fashioned us in every part: Thou hast loved and preserved us: Thou hast showered down benefits upon us great and vast, and, when we forfeited our birthright, and there was no way of escape because of our rebellion and sin, Thou didst send Thine only Son to redeem us, and to renew us as Thy children by adoption and grace, Oh, the riches of Thy mercy and love—the boundless extent of Thy affection for us. We cannot know it, because our love is human; we cannot appreciate it, because we are of the earth, and Thou art in heaven, and Thy love, O Lord, is divine. Teach us, we pray Thee, to know more of this great love; to feel its value more deeply; to understand it more fully, and to shew our sense of it in acts of obedience, dependence, and filial fear. Make us to walk before Thee as children, who look for a tender father's assistance, who continually ask his aid, and cleave to the outstretched hand lest they fall. Teach us that trust which our infant hours knew; that holy confidence, which shall make us dare every thing to win Christ and be found of him. Remove from us the vain hopes which life and life's best gifts can raise or cherish; and ere they lead us into error or sin, shew us their hollowness. Yea, Lord, remove from us every hinderance to our coming unto Thee, and be in all things our Father, and establish us as Thy children for Jesus Christ's sake: Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, we are again met together in Thy dear Son's name, to commit ourselves to Thy holy keeping through another day. Oh, preserve us, we beseech Thee by Thy great power in body, soul, and spirit, against all the temptations to which human nature is subject, and against those especially which most easily beset us. We are very weak and prone to evil, we go astray continually and err from Thy ways; we forsake the paths of peace, and walk after our own inventions; we love the things of life and time, and sense, and smile upon the pleasures of the world, and take our ease as if this were our habitation. And yet, O Lord, Thy merciful monitor reminds us, at times, from within, that all is not right with us; busy conscience will not let us continue in the deadness which things of time encourage. Make its warnings to be more loud, and more frequent, O gracious Lord. Suffer us not to fall away from Thee, to sacrifice the redemption wrought for us, to forfeit the salvation which a dying Saviour purchased by his blood: but look upon us, and all who, from day to day, may kneel around our household altar. Whether young or old, let Thy mercy visit them; whether friends, or relations, or neighbours, let Thy blessing rest upon them, and make our prayers now and ever effectual for all on whose behalf they may be uttered, that a blessing may attend us; that Thy grace may accompany us, and that we may find Thy peace indeed to pass all understanding. Grant this we beseech Thee for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, our Governor and King ; we would now ask Thee to look upon our nation, and the people for whom Thou hast done such great things ; yet we must ask Thee to do it in mercy, and to deal with us in love. We are a simple people, O Lord ; we walk as if we were gods, and Thou wert not ; our rulers rule in the fear of men more than of Thee, and Thy name is a mere by-word among us. We make a mock at sin, and iniquity is our pleasure. Christianity, it is true, is our profession, but our practice is idolatry ; and each of us must confess that we indeed worship the creature more than the Creator. Our young men go after their own inventions, and our women seek to add folly to folly ; youth and age move hand in hand after evil, and iniquity abounds. Thy temples are deserted, and the halls of pleasure filled ; the assembled in Thine own house are too lifeless to give a hearty response to the fervent prayer, and piety is almost an unknown thing. Forms and ritual observances have their ardent votaries, and the Spirit in vain strives to bring them back to the love of Thee. We earnestly intreat Thy mercy and love to deal with us as with wandering children ; to correct us, but to spare. Turn us, good Lord, that we may be turned : mould our hard hearts into a better frame ; stir up our cold spirits to a holy glow ; beam brightly on our rulers, and give our senators wisdom, that virtue may grow and abound, and that Thy name may be magnified among us for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, Thou high and holy One who inhabitest eternity, yet watchest the sons of men to hear and bless them, hear the voice of our thanksgiving, we pray Thee, and for Jesus Christ's sake make it sincere. Let it not, O Lord, be the empty service of the lips; let us not be satisfied to say to Thee,—we rejoice, blessed be Thy name, O God, for our rejoicing,—for we know that all acceptable service is of the heart, and shewn in the life, and we would rejoice before Thee in the land of the living. Open Thou, O Lord, our mouths, and our lips shall speak Thy praise: touch our hearts, and they shall echo back the feeling; rule our lives, and every hour shall tell that we are Thine, through Christ, our Lord and Governor. Oh, how excellent is Thy name in all the world, how great are Thy marvels, how glorious Thy doings, even for the rebellious sons of men. Thou pitiest them, and, therefore, they are spared; Thou lovest them, and therefore, they live. Oh, give us life, lest, living, we be dead; give us grace, lest, speaking, we utter lies, and, entering into Thy presence with indifference, we secure the hypocrite's fate. Hear us, good Lord, and bless us with all spiritual blessings; yea, bless us, one and all—bless us in our friends, in our businesses, in our pleasures. Sanctify us in all our doings; make all things to work together for our good, and keep us as Thine own, for the love Thou bearest to Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we come before Thee, as sinners lost and condemned, against whom the sentence has gone forth, and who must die unless Christ prevail for us. We come, as helpless, destitute, and poor, and unable to bear up or struggle against the flesh and sin which reigns in our mortal bodies, if Christ be not our strength and present help in every trouble. We come as penitents seeking pardon, and asking peace which that Christ has secured and promised to us, if we seek and wrestle for them. We, therefore, come, pleading His name, relying on His merits, confident in His mercy, sure in His love. We come, because He lived to shew us how to die, and died that we might live. We come, because He is yet our Advocate and Friend, who will never leave us nor forsake us, nor suffer us to lack anything that is good. And O Lord, we come, because we have tried the world, and it has profited us nothing; we have sought the smiles of friends, but they could not prevail, and we have looked for joy, and peace, and ease, but could nowhere find them, save from Thee only. Oh, make us to rest ever on Thee; to seek Thee early and late, to study Thy law, to delight in Thy way; to speak of it wheresoever we go; to be influenced by it whatsoever we do; that all men may know that we are Thy disciples, and that we may have the more precious witness in our hearts that we are Thine. Oh, grant these our petitions, and preserve us by Thy great power, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who hast promised to all who thirst, living water, which shall quench that thirst for ever if they will only come unto Thee and drink; we beseech Thee to open our eyes that we may see our need, and then by Thy Spirit to draw us unto Thee, that our wants may be supplied. Teach us, O Lord, as we feel a necessity for meat and drink which nourish the body, and preserve life, so ever to perceive the necessity for our souls sustenance, of that bread which came down from heaven, and of that drink which Thou only canst supply: make us to see it as a daily want, and daily to flee to Thee as creatures desirous to be saved from danger, and fearing death; as beings, invited to come and take freely of the water of life, to come without money, and to receive without price. And, oh, inspire us with a due sense of the great, the inestimable value of this gift, so freely and so fully offered. We pray Thee to instil into the hearts of all Thy worshipping people every where, a like desire for Thy gift; that we may be a people living according to Thy law, working Thy work, and promoting Thy glory; that Thou mayest see of the travail of Thy soul and be satisfied. Especially bless us who are now met together, and all near and dear to us, with such spiritual blessings; let Thy favor rest upon us as a household; give unto us, each as Thou seest best; and make us, whatsoever be Thy doings, content, knowing that Thou workest in love for us all. And so dispose us towards each other that we may be of one mind, serving Thee our God and Saviour in all things. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast vouchsafed to speak to Thy people from time to time by Thy holy prophets, and who didst open their mouths of old to tell wondrous things for our instruction; Thou who hast, in these latter days, spoken to us by Thine own Son, who declared Thy holy will in language plain and clear, be merciful to us, and open our hearts to receive Him in all His fulness; to hearken unto Him as our best friend, our wisdom, our righteousness, our great exemplar; to sit at His feet in patient attention, as He speaks to us in His word. And that we may do this more effectually, oh, lead us to a right preparation for the duties of the morrow; make us to remember that it is Thy day, not to be spent in thoughtlessness, or in pleasure, much less in business, which are all sin, and sink the soul in ruin for ever and ever. Lead us with willing and cheerful feet to Thine House; with glad hearts to meet Thy people, and to join in the prayers and praises of those who are there met together in Thy dear Son's name, according to Thine appointment. Yea, Lord, may we never forget that, as we there meet in faith on earth, and there worship in spirit and in truth, remembering in whose name we pray, and in whom is our hope, even our Saviour Christ, so will be our hopes of heaven; so our trust and confidence that, this life ended, we may join the holy company of heaven, and evermore praise and worship Thee O Father, to whom with the Son and Holy Ghost, one God, we would ascribe dominion glory and power, now and for ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, who hast caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning ; and hast in mercy preserved such record of Thy will and word to our day, receive our humble praises for this among Thy many and great mercies shewn to man. Give us a full sense of its value, and of the responsibility it brings upon us. And, because we can know this only by Thy Spirit's aid, send that Spirit into our hearts, that He may prepare them to receive the Scriptures as those sacred records, in which life and immortality are brought to light, and by a strict obedience to which only we can work out our own salvation. May he shew us from them the path of life ; the way of salvation ; and convince us of those great and solemn truths, which the vain philosophy of this world cannot receive, nor man's best reason, unaided by Thy Spirit's light, comprehend. May He accompany us this day into Thine house, and keep us, whilst there, from vain imaginations, wandering thoughts, and unprofitable desires. May he lead us to a child-like obedience ; a patient attention to Thee and Thy word. And, oh, may He influence all Thy ministering servants, shewing them the things of Christ, and making them faithful under-shepherds of Thy flock, prayerful teachers, diligent students, and, above all, devoted servants of their Master, Christ, that they may feed His sheep with wholesome food, and, at the last, be with their people, of the one fold, under Him the great Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, eternal and invisible, the Father, who rulest over all, blessed be Thy glorious name for ever and ever. O Lord Jesus, one with the Father, Jehovah, our Saviour, blessed be Thy glorious name, for ever and ever. O Lord, the Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son, Creator and Sanctifier, blessed be Thy glorious name for ever and ever. Let all nations declare Thy glory, our triune God: let all people worship Thee as one, and adore Thy name from everlasting to everlasting. Thy mercies are over all Thy works, and all lands declare them in unceasing strains. The winds tell of Thy mercy, and the sun proclaims it; the bright stars praise Thee, and the silent moon does Thee homage. Oh, awaken in the hearts of Thy reasoning creatures a like desire; teach us to walk in Thy service, and to obey Thy will; so shall we be blest, and indeed praise Thee; so follow our one example, Christ, who went about doing good; who finished the work He had to do, and so glorified His Father. And, because the time is at hand; because the day of our lives is far spent; and death and judgment are nigh, how nigh we know not; oh, establish us now, ere this Sabbath close, by thy good Spirit. Set our feet upon the rock; order our goings; make our lips to praise Thee; our hearts to serve Thee; our lives to do Thee homage; and grant that each of us may so glorify Thee whilst on earth, that we may join the glorious company in heaven, singing Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, which was and is and is to come; Amen and Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our God, early would we serve Thee; thus early would we come unto Thee, dedicating ourselves, our souls and bodies this day to Thee, by doing all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We bless Thee for the privileges we yesterday enjoyed, for the instruction we received, the truths we heard; may they be bound upon our hearts, and shewn in our lives; may this and every day to come witness to the world that we are Thy disciples; may our conversation be such as becometh Thy redeemed; beings formed for heaven, and only to be strangers and pilgrims upon earth, waiting for a better inheritance. May all who heard those truths, remember them in their practise. Pour out more abundantly of Thy Holy Spirit upon us, that Thy word read and preached may take more effect; may be like the gladdening breezes of Spring, felt and acknowledged wheresoever they fall. Be Thou a lantern to our feet and a light unto our paths; shew to all that be in error the light of Thy truth, and guide us onward, that we may perfect holiness in the fear of Thee: that we may daily see more and more of Thy mercy, and have, at the last, joy and peace in believing; that holy consolation which the world can neither give nor take away, but which, begun upon earth, shall be perfected in heaven. Oh, lead us all to this; may not one of us fall short; but may we earnestly pray for each other as well as for ourselves, that we may all enjoy the inestimable privilege, which we seek in its author Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who didst never refuse to hear the prayer offered to Thee in faith through Thy dear Son; who hast ever kept Thine ear open to the desires of Thine erring sinful creatures, when they would turn unto Thee in penitence; would seek, Thy favor and pardoning grace; look upon this family, a small household, we beseech Thee; pour upon us now and ever, when we thus meet and worship Thee, the very spirit of prayer and supplication; open our mouths to utter the desires of our hearts; make us to seek, as our first and chief good, Thy kingdom and righteousness, and give us an unwavering trust in Thy gracious promise, that all temporal blessings shall be added to us. Break down in our hearts every feeling of pride or rebellion which may lurk there: and, as we have too often fallen into sin, and slumbered in indifference, waken us up in Thy likeness; yea, turn us, good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Make us to be all of one heart and one mind, doing all things in the faith and fear of Thee, remembering that for every thought, word, and deed, we must give an account, and bear Thy wrath, if they be found light in the scale of unerring justice, in which they will be tried. Yet, Lord, we would ask of Thee to bless each one of us with health and strength; and to endue us with patience and resignation if they be denied. And now, Lord, let Thy holy angels have charge over us this night; keep us through its darkness from all evil, and raise us on the morrow to its duties and privileges, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our Maker, Thou Governor of the Universe, we approach Thee in humility, but with faith; we believe that Thou hast created us for Thyself; that Thou didst redeem us because Thy love to the fallen sons of Adam was great, and that Thou wouldest have all men to be saved. Save us, we beseech Thee; point out to us, we pray Thee, the path of life; lead us in the way in which we ought to go, and be very merciful unto us. We have great need of Thy pardoning grace; we have gone far out of the way; our feet have wandered, and our hearts have longed for fleshly things; we have lusted after the profits and pleasures of life, and our friends have been found among the godless, the careless, the impenitent. Oh, how seldom do we go forth to speak of Thy mercy, a Saviour's love, a Holy Spirit's power. How faint, when we do so speak, are our accents, how few our words. How dead are we in defence of spiritual, how warm in our support of worldly, philosophy. Pardon, O good Lord, our past transgressions, and give us strength to amend for the future; turn us from all error and sin; strive with each one of us according to his need, and supply his necessities, and give us all obedient prayerful spirits. Let the light of Thy countenance be our comfort, Thine aid our trust; teach us an unwavering faith, and establish us by Thy good Spirit, that we may rejoice here in every meeting, and in the world to come may meet at Thy right hand to part no more, but to join in one chorus of praise and blessing to the triune deity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

TO Thee, O Lord, our God, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee, though we have not obeyed Thy voice, nor walked according to Thy will and law. Yea, Lord, Thou art long suffering; Thy mercy is great, and over all Thy works. Oh, make us to experience it in our journey through life; in all our goings encompass us, and let Thy fatherly care keep us, that we stumble not, nor fall. Shelter us from the storms, and support us through the trials, of life. Strengthen us by faith to meet the ills which cleave to humanity, and to bear up against the sorrows which may overtake us. Prepare us, O God, for visitations, as proofs of Thy goodness and love, that, when they come, we may not be moved, but stand fast, knowing whom we have as a rod and staff which will neither bend nor break under our weight but which is stronger and more firm, the more fully we lean upon it. Regard each of us, we beseech Thee, according to our several necessities; and, as we have need, so make Thy supply. But, above all things, keep us from pride and presumption, from a haughty spirit; shew us the folly, weakness, and sin, of boasting in any human power or attainment, which pass away at the breath of Thy displeasure; which cannot stand if Thou speakest the word "Return." But, if we will boast, oh, let it be that we are saved by grace, and that not of ourselves, but as Thy free gift, through Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made ; who wouldest have all come unto Thee, to obtain that salvation which they cannot secure by their own strength or merits, we humbly beseech Thee, mercifully to look upon the whole race of mankind, wheresoever they may be, or by whatever name called. Break down all hinderances in their hearts to a right and ready reception of the truth as it is in Jesus. Subdue all false notions of human power and perfection, and shew them unto themselves in the filthy rags of their own righteousness, which is but defilement and sin. And shed abroad in the hearts of all who name the name of Christ such love as He exhibited, that each one may seek to become an instrument of good to his fellows ; may look upon them all as brethren ; the children of one common Father ; the creatures of one over-ruling Providence : the redeemed of one Saviour, and for all of whom the Spirit waits with His sanctifying power and influence, to make them temples of the living God. Especially, we pray Thee, to turn our eyes ever on our Saviour's life, and practise, as the one rule to guide us ; that we may remember we ought to be about our Father's business ; rejoicing, as privileged creatures, to be engaged in so holy a work, so high a calling. O Lord, hear our petitions, and answer speedily we most earnestly entreat Thee, that we may live up to our profession, as the called, and pledged servants of a holy God, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, to whom prayer, the outpouring of an humble and contrite heart is acceptable, give us that holy preparation, and accept us in our service, for Jesus Christ's sake. We must own that we have often, yea, this day, too frequently sinned by thought, word, and deed against Thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We have done very wickedly, and not been at all ashamed, because we loved our offence, and indulged ourselves in our iniquity. When shame should have covered our face, we have stood upright; we have been bold to dare Thee, and yet now venture into Thy presence, as if Thou hadst nothing against us. O Lord, be merciful unto us, and forgive us; for Thy dear Son's sake, blot out our offences, and remember our sins no more. Make us to walk in the light of Thy countenance, to rejoice in Thy favor, to receive Thy blessings as great and undeserved mercies; and, above all things, humble us in our own eyes. Take from them the thick veil which hides from our view Thy holiness and purity, and our own sin and defilement, that we may see Thee and ourselves as we are, and tremble lest we be cut off speedily, and that without remedy. And now, O Lord, ere we lie down to the repose of another night, give us Thy peace; pardon our offences; remove from us the temptations which surround, the sins which most easily beset us; renew in us right hearts and minds, and purify us unto Thyself a peculiar people, zealous of good works to Thy honor and glory for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING

O GOD, who hast from time to time proved and tried those who are Thine, by sore afflictions, even unto death; who hast taken from Thy devout worshippers houses, or lands, or friends, or health, to see if they looked more to the creature than the Creator; to make them proofs before a sinning and evil world, of the power of faith, the strength of grace. We beseech Thee to look upon us in mercy and compassion, and give us such a measure of Thy grace, that we may learn to be content with what we have; to bless and praise Thee that Thou hast not visited us with the calamities and distresses which abound on every side. Oh, make us to remember and to declare before Thee and our fellows, that we feel the absence of pain, of sorrow, of distress as a blessing beyond our liveliest gratitude to acknowledge as we ought. And lead us to a proper care and use of the many gifts with which we are enriched; be they of health, strength, friends, or wealth. We value too mistakenly the things which we possess, for we do not use them as we ought. Every one of us must own this; turn our hearts, good Lord, to a better sense of Thy goodness, and so shall we praise Thee; be Thou our helmet and shield, so shall we be bold against our adversary the devil. And let no complainings arise among us; give us to be kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love, bearing and forbearing even as He did, and for the sake of Him, whose name we now plead even Jesus Christ our Saviour, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou searcher of hearts, and from whom no thoughts are hid, open our eyes by Thy grace to see ourselves as we stand before Thee, in all the nakedness of truth. Take away from us all pride, prejudice, and ignorance, or whatever else may hinder us from seeing ourselves as we are. Set before us the requirements of Thy holy law; and Thy word as the glass in which Thine image is reflected, and then make us to put our own selves in comparison with the pure and holy image, whose perfectness we are directed to study as the aim of our being. Give us the power to try and prove ourselves by the standards which Thou hast appointed, and by the example of the lowly Jesus. And then so convince us of the evil of our natures, the depravity of our hearts, the carelessness of our lives, that we may flee, as despairing sinners, to the fount of mercy, as men who have no time to lose, because the flood is gaining on them. We know that in Christ Jesus mercy may be found, and in Him alone. We know that faith can brace our nerves, and supply an energy which shall gain the prize, but that without it all running is vain, and no prize can be won. Give us that faith, for it is Thy gift. May each one here present receive it with growing strength day by day, and may we all so pass the time of our sojourning here on earth, that we may secure a rest eternal in the Heavens, prepared from the beginning of the world for those that love Thee. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, who hast in Thy wisdom appointed men to teach and preach Thy faithful word ; who by Thy Spirit set apart ministers to minister Thy people in holy things, and to do the great of apostles unto which Thou hast called them humbly beseech Thee to look upon this land aright, and to bless those who labour through it in Thy high office ; give them patience and perseverance that they may wait on Thee, and, having received Thy gift, may distribute it to the people committed to their charge. Make them prayerful students of Thy word that they may be thereby enabled to teach with fulness the Gospel of Christ, and to lead and feed the flock entrusted to them. Open their mouths in readiness of speech, and fulness of truth, that those whom they have in charge, may, with their hearing, be enabled to understand the word preached. Especially open their eyes upon those set over us for our good ; may we come to worship together and learn from them ; and, O Lord, as we, both the giver and receiver of the truth, may be made heirs together of the promise of eternal life. Open our eyes to see the greatness of Thy mercy, in thus appointing men to be Thy instruments for our good, who may be blessed in the hours, in which we must otherwise labour, in the hearing of Thy word, and in learning Thy law, that we may be led to Thee ; may learn our responsibility ; see whence pardon and peace alone proceed, and place all our trust in Jesus, in whose name we offer up all our petitions to Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, vouchsafe we beseech Thee an attentive ear whilst we pray, and for Jesu's sake, help our prayer. We would confess, in all humility, that we need Thine assistance much and often; we have attempted to pray, but our thoughts have wandered; the cares, the business, the pleasures, the follies of life have taken too much hold upon us; our minds have been filled with objects of time, rather than been yielded up to Thee, from whom we professed to seek all good. Our knees have been bent, but our hearts have refused to bow themselves to Thee, and so our prayers have returned unto us void; we have not had our petitions granted, we have been sent empty away. Lord, we praise Thee that Thou hast spared us, to kneel again, to seek Thy face, and ask Thy pardon; for Christ's sake, forgive this past iniquity; make us to see it as a mockery of Thee, and give us grace and strength to amend for the time to come. Now, O Lord, now whilst we ask, let Thy Holy Spirit strive with us, to dispel every high imagination and evil thought; and sanctify us, body, soul, and spirit for the work we have undertaken, and teach us how to pray; give us a due sense of our wants: make us to cast away all unprofitable wishes; and seeking only such things as Thy providence seest good for us, may we now and ever pray in the spirit of our blessed Lord's declaration "not my will but Thine, be done," and with full faith in Him, who hast redeemed us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, now that another week is drawing to a close, and we have been spared to its last day, let us come before Thee, confessing our sins, and imploring Thy forgiveness; acknowledging our transgressions, and seeking that pardon which is ours through Jesus Christ, and that peace which He has purchased for us. We must own that in many ways we have offended against Thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation. We have sought our own pleasure, day by day; and day by day also we have pursued our own business, in the hope of its return of profit, and we have lived in the world, as if it had treasures to give for which nothing else could compensate, or with which nothing else could compare. We have clung to earthly friends, and shewn that our hearts were not dead to love, and the tender ties of relationship or friendship. We have wept, and rejoiced with companions here. But, O Lord, how little have we sought the treasures which are above; how seldom derived our comfort or our joy from Thy word, or looked to Thee as our Father, our Companion, our Friend. Pardon us, good Lord, and remove from us our stony heart; let Thy Spirit dwell in us to direct our thoughts, our hopes, to Thee, and to shew us our true interest is not here, where all things are frail and fleeting, but with Him who is gone before, even Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, to whom we would ascribe with Thee and the Holy Ghost, three persons and one God, glory and honor for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O EVERLASTING God and Lord, who hast commanded Thy people to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the Saints, and which we have received ; we beseech Thee mercifully to assist us, when we are assailed, be it by worldly scoffers and unbelievers, or by the attacks of our great spiritual enemy, the devil. Open our mouths, to speak with boldness the truths we have learned ; to proclaim our one hope, even Christ, the Captain of our salvation, the same whereby we have been called, and in support of which we must be bold or perish. Let Thy Holy Spirit ever be present with us lest we be attacked unawares, and forget to use the sword of the Spirit, Thy word. Let us not be ashamed, as too many are, of their holy profession, but make us its consistent observers, knowing that, if we would be confessed by our Saviour before Thee in heaven, we must here, by our every deed, confess Him before men, making His name the watchword of our lives, His law the rule of our conduct, His precepts our delight, His example our study. And, because this is hard to do ; because, though the spirit be willing, the flesh is weak ; we more earnestly entreat Thy merciful aid. May no idle feeling, indifference, or pleasure keep us on the morrow from the assembly of Thy people, but may all of us who can there meet in Thine house, be found there, in faith, worshipping Thee, through Christ, through whom we present these our petitions to Thee, our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, who hast ordained various degrees of men, and hast appointed for Thy church, ministers, who shall preach Thy holy word, and minister Thy sacraments, teach us so rightly to use this ordinance, that, whether we be ministers or people, we may be found, according to our several stations and offices, doing Thy will, and looking to Thee only for that aid and help, without which we can neither learn nor keep Thy commandments. Make us all to feel that we are but stewards, to each of whom some talent is entrusted, which we must employ in the furtherance of Thy kingdom, the advancement of Thy glory. Oh, do Thou remove from the minds of all Thy professing worshippers the false idea that they can do nothing for Thee; and then open their mouths to speak, that they may boldly declare the truths they have heard in Thine house, and from Thine appointed ministers, to those who will not come along with them, to taste and see if Thou art not gracious. This day, O Lord, implant in the hearts of every one of us, if it have not been there before, the necessity we are under to do something for Thee; to let the people know that Thou art God indeed, and wilt judge the folks righteously, and all the nations upon earth; that those who have not fled unto Thee by Christ whilst here on earth, can have no part or lot in the heavenly inheritance. May all Thy ministers teach to their flocks these great truths, and may they convey them far and wide through our land. Grant this, we pray Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we have heard of Thee, we have read of Thee ; Thy ministers have declared unto us Thy will, and Thy law has been set before us, and blessed be Thy holy name for this Thy mercy and goodness. Yea, Lord, we would praise Thee for the mercies of this day, the means of grace which it has given to us. Make us to profit thereby : impress upon our hearts the truths we have heard, give us grace to see their importance, and for Christ's sake, enable us to receive them in holy obedience. May we ever remember who instituted this day, and that it is a law unto us which we must obey, or offend Thee. May we rejoice in it, as the day which our Lord hath made ; and with David, be able ever to exclaim, I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. And we beseech Thee to answer the prayers which we have this day made to Thee in the assembly of Thy people ; let the dew of Thy blessing rest upon our land and refresh it : keep the heart of our Sovereign, that she may be stayed on Thee ; bless her ministers, and overrule all their councils for good to this nation, and for Thy glory : bless our Church ; purify her members of all orders, from error ; preserve her from the dangers of schism, the evils of dissention, and give all within her pale to know Thee as Thou art, and to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. And, oh, increase daily the number of those who call upon Thee as a reconciled Father, a merciful God. **Hear us, O Lord, and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art ever more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than we deserve, be mercifully pleased to hear our prayers, and by Thy Spirit to influence us whenever we pray, that we may ask aright. Keep us from presumption in our requests; give us our Saviour's spirit, that we may obtain effectually the things we need. Teach us to examine ourselves by Thy word, daily to see how we do, and by Thy holy precepts, that we may see ourselves as we are, and not as the glass of this world would picture us. Strip us of the rags of self-righteousness in which the vain man clothes himself, and clad us in the marriage garment, that, should the summons come, we may be ready to depart, and be with Thee. Open our understandings that we may comprehend fully Thy goodness, Thy majesty, and Thy holiness; that we may know Thee as a God of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and, walking in the faith and fear of Thee, may cease to do evil, and learn to do well; may Thy peace and ensue it. And, whilst we pray for ourselves, O Lord, we would entreat Thee to bless, in a special manner, all near and dear to us; may each of us know Thee, and worship Thee in sincerity and truth, and may their daily offerings of prayer and praise be united with ours to the throne of mercy and grace, and though absent in the body, may we be spirit and soul present with each other whenever we pray, enjoying one of those blessed privileges, which Thy servants only know, the communion of saints, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, another day is about to close upon us with its duties and responsibilities ; another season, full of advantages is ending, and we again come into Thy presence and seek Thy ear and favour ; oh, hear and be gracious unto us, as we pour forth our petitions unto Thee. We must own that we have not altogether regarded the hours which have past, since we last met together in Thy dear Son's name, as precious gifts, vouchsafed by Thee in mercy and love to us, in order that we might have yet further opportunities than we have hitherto enjoyed or used, to turn unto Thee in penitence, to contemplate Thee by faith, and to bless Thee in our hearts and souls. We invoked Thy grace with the early morning ; we sought the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, and we asked Thee to give to us a more full comprehension of Thyself in Thy great and many attributes ; but we have not followed up that prayer by an active endeavour to live in its spirit. We must own, every one of us, that we have fallen far, very far short of doing this. Oh, pardon, we pray Thee for Jesus Christ's sake, and be merciful unto us ; help us more and more for the time to come : endue us more abundantly with Thy Holy Spirit, and keep us from all evil of thought, word, and deed ; and so strengthen us against the temptations which arise within and around us, that we may be more than conquerors through Him who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, the Protector of all who trust in Thee, and without whom there is neither safety nor hope, mercifully stretch forth Thy sheltering arm to aid and defend us from the assaults of the evil one to which we may be this day open. Make us watchful, and diligent, ever on our guard, prepared for the cunning devices with which he may try to deceive us, and bold in our confidence in Thee. Keep us from wandering thoughts, especially when we profess to worship Thee; whenever we meet, as now, in Thy name, to implore Thine aid and blessing. Open our eyes to see Thy providence busy for us; ordering the seasons in their courses; day and night in turn; the hours of labour, and the time for rest. Teach us that it is in Thee we live and move and have our being; that without Thee, we are powerless, except for evil, and are the children of Satan. And, Lord, magnify Thy name through us: make our light so to shine before men that they may see our good works, and glorify Thee, our Father in heaven. Yea, Lord, take each and all of us into Thine especial care; enable us body, soul, and spirit, to dedicate ourselves to Thee; and as a household vowed to serve Thee in faith and fear, look upon, bless, and keep us. May no evil befall us, no danger come nigh our dwelling; may peace reign in all our hearts, and prosperity follow every one of us, in all our goings; and may we evermore seek and rejoice in Thy merciful protection, and praise Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

THINE eye, O Lord, is in every place, beholding the evil and the good, and Thine ear hears even the whispered word of human secrecy. There is nothing hid from Thee, but Thou knowest it altogether. Oh, seal, we pray Thee, this solemn truth upon our memories, that we may not in any of our doings forget that every action has its record in the book of Thy remembrance, and that there also is every thought recorded. Make the knowledge of this truth a shield unto us withersoever we go, that, when temptation arises, we may stand proof against its assaults, and bless Thy holy name for Thy mercy towards us. May we now, and ever as we kneel together before Thee in Thy dear Son's name, have our thoughts only on our solemn duty, our privilege, and blessing. But more, when each night we retire to the stillness of our chambers, may we carry with us the feeling of thankfulness that we have been again permitted to meet as Thou wouldest have us, and may we there seek in private our covenant God, who waiteth for the outpouring of grateful hearts, and, kneeling down, pour out to Thee our every want and wish. Oh, let us not forget this solemn act, but rather hasten to the secrecy of our closet, because there we may meet and commune with Thee, and find rest for our weary souls. Yea, as our blessed Lord, sought retirement that he might pray apart, sanctify us, we beseech Thee for a like work, and keep us ever in the spirit of prayer and supplication for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, by whose gracious Providence we are brought to the beginning of another day, give us hearts, thankful for this mercy, and rejoicing in Thy goodness. Make us to feel how great is that love which has spared us yet a little longer, that we may turn unto Thee in penitence and prayer, that we may seek Thy favor and aid; and that we may do Thy work. O Lord, open our eyes to examine ourselves whether we are so living; whether we are sorry for our past offences; for the sins, be they of thought, word, or deed, which we have committed; whether they are a sore burden unto us, heavier than we can bear; and whether we are desirous and determined, by Thy grace, sought often and diligently in prayer, to forsake them and amend; to cease from evil and to learn to do well; to seek the company of the godly, and to walk in Thy laws all the days of our life. And make us also to see if we are doing Thy work; if we are walking worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus, if we are mortifying the flesh, with its evil affections and lusts, and living in the spirit of Thy holy commandments. And whereinsoever we fall short, strengthen and help us, we beseech Thee; open our mouths boldly to rebuke sin; to speak faithfully to the erring and ignorant; to point out the way of salvation to those who know it not, but are afar off; and this and every day to magnify Thy Holy name by some word or deed, that we may have an earnest we are Thine, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who hast mercifully sent the message of salvation to all mankind, to the Jew first, and then to the Gentile, look upon us who have received that message, and enable us to lay it to heart, that it may bring us comfort through life, and peace in the hour of our departure. We would pray Thee to send Thy Holy Spirit abroad in our land with more power; may His influence be more felt, that among the thousands who walk heedless of Thee, and have not God in all their thoughts some may daily be converted, that the number of Thy people may continually be increased, and that Thy name may be magnified among us. May we all see Thy laws in their fulness, and entirely obey them, not deceiving ourselves, by taking only a part; not keeping one portion of the Sabbath, and desecrating the rest; not refraining from theft, whilst we are ready to deceive our neighbor, to our own gain; not keeping back some truth, whilst we profess to disdain a lie; but obeying Thy commandments in their spirit, and to the letter. Enable us to illustrate Thy laws by our lives; to be lights to those who are round about us; but keep us withal humble, charitable, meek; knowing that we have nothing which we have not received, no possession or power which is not of Thy free gift, unless it be for evil. And ever make us thankful that Thou has dealt with us as children, that Thy love has overlooked our rebellion, and spared us. Hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, and keep and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, we Thy sinful creatures come unto Thee to ask Thy grace and blessing. We come to cast ourselves, our cares, and all that we possess into Thy hands, for Thou carest for us, and wilt make all things, if in all we look to Thee, work together for our good. . Establish our faith, increase our confidence, and give us a hearty trust in Thee. Enable us to see Thee as our best friend, to look to Thee as children to a fond and loving Father, who knows what is good for us, and will give such, and only such things. Give us a like love for others; make us to look to, and learn from Thee, and so to seek where and how we may benefit our neighbours, all who require our assistance, who need our aid. Thou, Lord, wilt not cast out any who come unto Thee; all Thou requirest is sincerity, a desire for Thine help; teach us this, we pray Thee, lest we fear to come; lest we hold back, and so lose the inestimable benefit which is ours, through Christ, a heaven He purchased by His own most precious blood. Grant us the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, may He dwell in us, sanctifying us wholly; purifying us from the pollutions of this world, the sinfulness of our fleshly natures, and giving us hearts, devoted to Thee, rejoicing in Thy service, and stayed on Thy promises, which exceed all we can either desire or deserve. O Lord, we offer these our petitions to Thee for the sake of our blessed Redeemer and God, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, high and holy, hear us; O God most merciful, regard us; O everlasting Lord, be nigh unto us and help us. Thou knowest, O Lord, that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves; that we cannot even think anything without Thee, but that all our doings, unassisted by Thy Spirit, are but sin, unprofitable for any good. Impress this truth upon our minds; make it to be ever present with us, when we lie down, or when we rise up; whether we follow our business, or seek pleasure; whether we walk abroad, or remain in our own chambers; in all things, and at all times, give us grace to seek Thy strength, to work in and by it, that we may pass through life in safety, and be at peace. Deliver us from the sins which most easily beset us; make us watchful against their allurements; careful in the choice of our company, knowing that evil communications corrupt good manners. Preserve us from a love of the world; a desire for earthly possessions or distinctions; a pleasure in the applause of men. May we rather seek the evidence of a good conscience; peace with Thee; a conviction that we are walking worthy of our vocation in Christ Jesus; and bless us, Lord, with an assurance of Thy favor; a quiet trust in Thy unfailing mercies; a prayerful spirit, that we may seek Thee to bless and prosper all our doings. Yea, Lord, prosper Thou us and bless us, and give us Thy peace, which passeth all understanding, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who orderest all things both in heaven and earth, who makest every event of life subservient to Thine own glory, and to the good of Thy creatures, give us eyes to see Thy finger directing, and Thy power controlling all our doings to this end. Enable us to discern how, even the works of the evil one, the sins and follies of the world, further the great end of Thy providential dealings, the salvation of men, and teach us lessons, which we ought to read with patient attention. Direct us continually to a prayerful consideration of each occurrence, as it befalls us; and make us to draw from it instruction in the way of holiness; to read in it another proof of thy mercy and goodness; and then to praise Thy glorious name, that Thou hast thus visited us, and blest us. We know it is hard for flesh and blood to rejoice in affliction, and to be glad when sorrow cometh; yet, since we must have a cheerful heart, even when the countenance is sad, if we be Thy children adopted and chosen, oh, send Thy Holy Spirit to dwell in us in all fulness; to lead us ever to Thee, that we may be ever glad, as in Thy presence, and full of joy, because Thou hast proved Thy love for us. But, O Lord, deal with us, we pray Thee in mercy; punish us not after our offences, let not our sins call down from Thee immediate punishment; but be gracious unto us, help and defend us; be our shield, and for Christ's sake succour and keep us now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who hast taught us that, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, give us grace to weigh seriously, and to consider with patient reflection, every word we utter, that we may thereby know whether our hearts are right with Thee. Enable us to make this inquiry, not vainly, as if it were a matter which concerned us only as the creatures of this world; not indifferently, as if the value of the inquiry ended with itself; and as if, when it was done, we had performed some meritorious act, which would justify our offence, or claim pardon at Thy hands. Oh, suffer us not to fall into such delusion, nor to be guilty of such sin: but give us such abhorrence of sin, such a knowledge of its character, and how much we yield to it day by day, because our hearts are set to do evil continually, that we may strive with the earnestness, and use all the energy which despair calls forth, to correct the evil, to check the naughty suggestions from within, and, by Thy grace, to conquer. O Lord, we are very blind to our condition by nature; we are too apt to think ourselves, if not very good, at least, better than we are; teach us, we beseech Thee, to weigh our words, and to scan our thoughts by the balance and test of Thy holy law, that we be no longer deluded, no longer tempted thus to our ruin, but that we may henceforth become new creatures in Christ Jesus; and for His sake vouchsafe a ready answer, O Lord our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord and God, who hast commanded us to pray for all men, and to seek Thy blessing upon those who are in authority; we beseech Thee now to hear us as we would ask Thee to look upon our Sovereign the Queen. Be gracious unto her, and bless her; give her a knowledge of Thy law, an understanding of Thy will; make her to remember whose she is, and whom she has to serve; and grant that she may ever seek counsel and advice from Thee, the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that she may fill the high station to which it hath pleased Thee to call her with faith and zeal, as Thy representative upon earth, and as having to account to Thee for every word, and thought, and deed, equally with the meanest subject in her realm. Look upon and guide by Thy Holy Spirit those who are in authority under her, who rule the affairs of this land, who consult for the maintenance of this state and nation. Do Thou direct all their consultation for our good and Thy glory; may they be led to promote true religion; to put down error; to discourage immorality, and may they by their lives also set forth Thy honor, and do Thee willing and constant service. On all who have or hold office among us look with Thy favour; direct, sanctify, and govern their hearts by the rule of Thy laws, and in the way of Thy commandments, that we may be a nation serving Thee and working righteousness, and make us and all under authority to obey, with godly fear, oh, grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, most holy and true, look down from heaven, Thy dwelling place, and hear the prayer of Thy humble creatures, who would close another week at the footstool of Thy throne, with praises for Thy many and great mercies, and earnest petitions that they may be continued. Teach us, we beseech Thee, how to pray; shew us the nature of prayer; its spirit, and importance: and then give us such a hearty desire for the benefit we would seek, that we may pray both earnestly and acceptably. And, on the morrow, when we enter into Thy House, be Thou present with us, making us to remember, that it is the house of prayer, where Thine honor dwelleth, where Thy name is placed, and where Thy true worshipers meet to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. And, because it is Thine ordinance, and an acceptable service, oh, make us to love and seek it the oftener: to be ready at all times and in all places to ask from Thee relief in our necessities, comfort in our affliction, hope when shadows come upon us, and Thy Holy Spirit's aid to carry us safely through the trials and temptations of this world, and to sustain us against every assault of, the evil one. And, O Lord, teach us to pray for others; not only for our relations, friends, and benefactors, but for our enemies; for those who lack the spirit of Christ, that they may be endued with that most excellent gift. Make our prayers effectual on their behalf, and lead them to pray for us, that we may be all one, as Thou and Thy dear Son are one. Hear and answer we beseech Thee, for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, everlasting and almighty, arise, arise quickly, and help us, for vain is the help of man. Send Thy Spirit to combat with us against the evils which abound on every side, and the temptations which continually assail us from within. The evil one is active; his devices are cunning; his power is great; he goeth about as a roaring lion, and who can withstand him; he is in every place, yea, even in Thine own house, where he tempts, by wandering thoughts, and an indulgence in foolish unprofitable desires. We have in vain striven against his wiles; we have in vain tried to stand; raise then, we pray Thee, Thine arm, and succour us; go with us this day into Thy temple; watch over us as we kneel, to offer our petitions unto Thee; and, when we would praise Thee, stir us up to holy and lively feelings of gratitude and thanksgiving. May we be enabled to rejoice in Thy strength, to rejoice alway; to remember that the Lord is at hand, and so to be careful for nothing, but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, to let our requests be made known unto Thee. Yea, Lord, however trifling they may be, so enlarge our faith that we may not fear to bring them unto Thee with prayer. And do Thou hear us, prosper and bless us; do Thou keep and defend us; do Thou watch over and sustain us by Thine almighty power, now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who didst once send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee, and didst bless His work ; so now, we beseech Thee, prosper the work of Thy later messengers who have this day in any place proclaimed Thy coming, and called upon sinners to repent. We thank Thee for Thy boundless love, in not only dying for us, but that Thou didst appoint Thine own select servants, who should go forth into all lands and preach the Gospel unto all people. Oh, how full is Thy mercy, how free Thy grace. Yea, Lord, now, as in the days of Thy flesh, Thou art speaking to all men to come unto Thee, since Thou didst die for all ; this day we have once more had means of grace renewed, and, if our hope of glory be not strengthened, it is our own fault. We beseech Thee, by Thy temptations whilst on earth, not to be extreme to mark what we have this day done amiss, but plead our cause, and let Thine intercession be effectual for each one of us. And do Thou, day by day, strengthen those who are appointed to preach the glad tidings of salvation wrought by Thee ; give them more energy, more zeal, more singleness of heart, more faith. Make them bold, as Thy servants to declare the truth, that they cry aloud and spare not ; that they remember their commission, and whose ambassadors they are, and the work they have to do, and may they and we meet together at the last day to sing the song of the Lamb in Thy kingdom, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast ever been gracious to Thy land, and favoured Thy people ; Thou hast, in affliction, heard their cry, and relieved them out of their distress ; when a flood came upon the earth by reason of their sin, Thou didst command Noah, the preacher of righteousness, to build an ark, and then enter in, and be saved ; to fly to that type of a Saviour and find refuge and rest. Thou hast never forsaken us, though we have rebelled against Thee, for Thine arm is strong and Thy mercy is great ; Thy love is almighty and everlasting. And Thou hast proved it to ungrateful man in ways innumerable, in divers manners, but more especially in that great gift of an only Son, to die for our redemption. O Lord, we cannot speak of Thy love in this act, for human tongue cannot utter praise sufficiently high or holy to express it ; the human heart can never comprehend it in its fulness. But we may shew forth some sense of it in our lives. Oh, give us grace to walk as Thy redeemed, to live as the purchased of Thy Son from sin and hell ; to look to Him in everything, and for Him to do all things. Make us strong in Him, by Thy Holy Spirit, to withstand the assaults of man, or our great enemy, the devil ; to be ever prepared against the temptations which may assail us both from within and without ; and to use every means of grace which Thy mercy may offer ; that we may rejoice with great joy in Christ our Saviour, for whose sake we beseech Thee to accept our prayer. Amen.

EVENING.

O HEAVENLY Father and God, who hast ordained different ranks and degrees of men in the world; who hast given to one, wealth, to another, wisdom; to one, strength, whilst others are poor, or weak, or sickly; who hast raised some to place and authority in the land, and made others to obey them, and to submit; we beseech Thee to enable us to see all these differences as of Thee, and, therefore, for good. Give us hearts to feel our duty, and each, in the situation in which it hath pleased Thee to place us, to act with zeal, fidelity, and submission. Give to the high, humble spirits, that they presume not on their office or wealth, but remember that they are the creatures of Thine hands, and must one day give an account to Thee of every work they may do, or word they may say. May they ever rule in the faith and fear of Thee, and promote virtue and piety among us. And to the lowly, give lowliness of spirit, that they obey all in authority for thy sake, whose ministers they are. Keep their tongues, that they speak not evil of dignities, but rather, by obedience, set an example to the ignorant and those who are afar off. Make us to be a nation united by the holy ties of Thy law, by the heavenly injunctions of Thy word, prospering in our institutions, and blessed of Thee. And favour us with more light; increase our knowledge; make the wisdom which is from above to abound more and more among us; and be gracious unto us, for Thy dear Son's sake, our Saviour and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD most high ; O Lord, most holy ; O heavenly Father and God, hear us as we come with our morning sacrifice of praise and prayer. Thou hast preserved us during the past night ; oh, blessed be Thy glorious name for this and all Thy other mercies towards us. Thou hast given us again the privilege to meet in Thy dear Son's name ; oh, praised be Thy majesty for so great, so undeserved a boon. Hear our petitions, for His sake ; we presume not to come in any other name ; we dare not approach in any other manner ; for we dread to offend Thee, and we would be heard. Let Him then be the way in which we tread, the truth in which we walk, the life by which we live ; direct our steps where He has trod ; open our mouths to speak in the holy spirit of all His sayings, and rule our actions that they may evidence the power of Thy law, the restraining influence of Thy grace. Now, Lord, especially, would we call to Thee in confidence, because we have a memorial of Thy exceeding love to all mankind in this season. We have now brought to our minds an incarnate God, born into the world to save sinners. We are now called to contemplate an act of mercy, surpassing man's device ; of love beyond man's conception. Yet we reflect not on them as we ought. Oh remember not, Lord, our offence, but blot it out in His blood ; pardon our sin ; for we come boldly to the throne of grace, since Jesus came to gain us access there, and, for his sake, help and deliver us now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thy name only is excellent in all the world; Thou hast made the heavens, and throughout their vast expanse is Thy law observed in unfailing regularity and order. The starry host rejoice to do Thy bidding, and shine in splendor upon man, as Thy blessing; and yet man looks up and sees Thee not; he cannot find Thee in Thine own creations, because his heart is corrupt, set upon vanity, and the things of this world please him; he makes earth his treasure-house, and thinks to store there for himself wealth and good things which are vanity, and shall one day be no more his. The breeze whispers of Thee as it moves along, bringing health to the cheek, and fresh beauty and verdure to the herb and tree, which rejoice in Thy sunshine, and bring forth their fruit in due season. Oh, be merciful unto Thy servants, we pray Thee, and give them new hearts, instil into them new desires, lead them to set their affections on things above, on Thee, and Thy dear Son, who came on earth for our sakes; who, setting self aside, and unrobing himself of His glory, condescended to live among men as man, to be an example of holiness of life, and perfect obedience. Bless us especially in this hour, and be our guide and stay. Keep us through the night, give us quiet rest and sleep, that we may rise refreshed for our morning's duties, and rejoice in the light of another day. Grant this we pray Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, most high and holy, who dwellest in light unapproachable ; Thou great and glorious Jehovah, how shall we approach Thee, covered as we are with sin, and tainted with iniquity. To us belongeth confusion of face ; we have no claim to come into Thy presence, but that which the name of Jesus gives and, though it be all prevailing before Thee, yet the weakness of our faith, when we use it, too often renders our petitions vain, and our prayers unprofitable. But Thou art very merciful, not extreme to mark what we do amiss, and, therefore, Thou dost permit us yet longer to come before Thee ; yet again and again to enter into Thy presence, to declare our wants, to unburden our minds, and to seek pardon, peace, and deliverance. O Lord, hear us, now that we once more assemble, with an opening day, in Thy dear Son's same. Forgive our transgressions hitherto ; blot our sins out of the Book of Thy Remembrance ; let not our offences, so many and so great as they have been, cry against us for punishment ; but inspire us with a godly sorrow for every sin we have committed against Thy divine majesty. Oh, let our repentance be sincere, and our amendment perfect. Set our feet in the way of thy commandments, and sustain us as we move on our walk through life, lest we slip. For Jesus Christ's sake, give ear unto us, and bless us ere we rise from our knees, and let His prayer be now and ever ours, through the fervency of our faith. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, who hast declared of men, yea, even of the creatures of Thine hand, sin-polluted and defiled as they are, "Whoso offereth me praise, glorifieth me," open our mouths, we pray Thee, with the offering of praise, and waken our hearts to a holy response, that we may honor Thee with our bodies, which are Thine, and with our spirits which thou hast created. All creation speaks of Thy goodness, and each day tells of mercies, which only Thou canst do for man. The voice of every creature which Thine hand has formed tells of Thy work as wise, and perfect; and every herb is eloquent of its Maker's power. Raise our hearts, O God, from the lulling influence of seducing pleasures; let our tongues cast off the thralldom of this world's foolish converse, and let us, with one consenting voice, proclaim, that Thou, O Lord, art very good, and gracious; that from Thee we have all the blessings which surround us, and that in Thy presence is our confidence, because Thy name is Love. Oh, inspire us with such praise as may honor Thee, for Thou art God, even our God, and we are before Thee, bowed in the humble attitude of creatures who have nothing to bring, nothing to offer, but what Thou dost give. Yet we would sing praises unto Thy name, O Thou most Highest, and we would speak of our Redeemer's glory, and the Spirit's sanctifying influence, and ascribe all we have, and all we hope for, whether here or hereafter, to the love of a Triune God, Jehovah, our Lord and Maker. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, we are Thy workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which Thou hast ordained before hand, that we should walk in them. Thou hast made us in great mercy, that, having passed the time of our sojourning here on earth, we might dwell with Thee for ever hereafter in eternal glory. Thou hast created us anew, to this end, in Christ Jesus; calling us from the darkness of ignorance which veils so many minds, and shedding forth, for our guidance, the light of Thy Holy Spirit. Oh, grant that we never forget whose we are, and to whom our lives should be dedicated by a continual service, by good works, and holy exercises of love and patience. Bring us to Thyself, in fervent prayer, for strength to perform our appointed work, whilst it is called day; whilst time and opportunity are before us; whilst life is ours, and the faculties of mind and body remain to us. Teach us how utterly unable we are to do anything but sin, unless Thine especial grace prevent and follow us; so that we may not boast of our own strength or righteousness, but think lowly of ourselves as we ought to think. Yea, humble us, good Lord, by Thy mighty power; let Thy overruling Providence keep us in all our doings; let Thy fatherly care be over us in all our goings. Ever shew unto us the way of salvation, and keep us in the same, that we may, indeed, find this life a pleasant road, even the pathway to our home in heaven. Oh, grant these things, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, who hast reserved mercy for thousands and tens of thousands who call upon Thee, we beseech Thee now to look upon this family and household, and to bless us with a continual blessing. Do thou unite us in holy and heavenly bonds; give to each one of us a meek and gentle spirit, that we may learn to live together in conformity to Thy will, to seek peace one with another, and ensue it. When we are tempted to hasty words, O Lord restrain us. When angry feelings are about to rise, O Lord, check them; and give us instead a mild utterance, and forgiving dispositions. Teach us how to bear each others burdens; to be kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love. Shed abroad among us that spirit which was in Christ Jesus, who went about doing good: who sought not His own profit or His own pleasure, but made His delight, as it was His business, to do Thy will. Give us strength of mind and body, to bear up against the evils and trials of life; that each of us may be enabled to do his duty in that state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place Him. Keep us in every hour, from all dangers both ghostly and bodily; let not the evil one have dominion over us, nor sin reign in our mortal bodies; but make us to be a household fearing and serving Thee and working righteousness. And preserve to us, we beseech Thee, these our solemn meetings, make us to rejoice in them here, and in the end to find the prize we seek in them, eternal life, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, what are we that Thou art mindful of us, or why dost Thou regard us. We have nothing to bring into Thy presence of which we may boast; we cannot even approach Thee in our own name. But, O Lord, there is a name which we may bring; there is an all-prevailing name, which Thou wilt hear; and for the sake of Him, whose it is, Thou wilt answer the petition which accompanies it to Thy throne. It is for Jesu's sake, that man is heard, as by Jesu's blood alone he is saved. It is His merit which supply man's deficiency; and His intercession which brings us unto Thee. O gracious Lord, give us, in this hour, such entire, unwavering faith in Him; such holy hope, and heavenly confidence, that we may learn to cast all our care upon Him. Make us to see Him as a Saviour still; to remember that He died for the sins of the whole world; and that, until the end of all things, His salvation is sure. O Lord, grant that not one of *us* may lose that salvation. Turn us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned to seek early and late, with every energy of mind and body, to work out our own salvation. Yea, Lord, let this and all our meetings here in Thy dear Son's name be preludes of a meeting, when we may stand together at the right hand of the Judge of quick and dead. Let not one of us be wanting to that happy company, but lead us onward in the path of righteousness to our lives' end, that our inheritance may be heaven, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, who regardest the humble, and who receivest the contrite ones, but who abhorrest the proud, and will none of their prayers, give us that spirit of lowliness which was in Christ Jesus, that we may be enabled to pray unto Thee indeed. Our hearts naturally rebel against subjection ; our spirits will not brook restraint, we think, because we have a will we must exercise authority, and forget that Thou art Lord of all. When good things increase, our spirits are the more lifted up, and we wax greater in our own eyes. O Lord, in mercy, remove this delusion from us ; teach us that, the more we have, the more humble we ought to be ; for, as our gifts are multiplied, so is our dependence on Thee, the gracious and only Giver, multiplied also. Remove from us the vain boast to which a possession of this world's goods tempts us ; and teach us to use them as Thy merciful outpourings. Oh make us to remember alway that a misuse is but a call upon Thee to take them from us ; and when Thou dost so visit us ; when Thou bringest upon us affliction, or distress, or sorrow, enable us to examine ourselves, and learn why Thy providence has so dealt with us. Yet, O Lord, may we do this in faith, with a full assurance that it was for our good, not to repine, and mistrust the God who loveth his creatures, and correcteth every one whom He loves. We own that Thou art this God, and we pray Thee to keep us Thine in all manner of holy living unto our lives, end, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O MERCIFUL Lord God, we beseech Thee again to hear us; be nigh unto us whilst we address Thee; enable us to pray earnestly, that we may receive effectually, and have a blessing. Give us the persevering determination of Jacob, that we may wrestle with Thee until the sought for blessing be ours; and stay us by Thy Holy Spirit, lest we faint or grow weary, because Thou answerest not soon. We know that, though Thou givest not at once, yet to earnest and continued supplication, an answer never was yet denied, for the prayer of faith cannot be lost, cannot return unto us void. But our faith is very weak, even when we believed it to be strong; help, therefore, our unbelief, and be gracious unto us. Look upon each one of us here met in Thy dear Son's name, and to each give such good things as we require; to each vouchsafe such mercies temporal and spiritual, as shall advance us on our heavenward course, and remove all hindrances from our way. Increase our love to Thee, and to our fellows; make us to be of one heart and one mind, united in one holy bond of joy and peace, love and charity; lead us to see our best interests as one, that wherein we seek a benefit for ourselves, we may also seek and endeavour to benefit and bless others; to do good unto all men, in as much as in us lies. And oh, make our prayers for each other sincere and fervent, as if they were for ourselves, and keep us all now and ever under the shadow of Thy wings, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, vouchsafe to bless this our evening meeting in Thy dear Son's name ; continue to us, we earnestly beseech Thee, the holy privilege, and make us to value it as Thine ordinance, as a means of grace, and whereby may be strengthened our hope of glory. We have read from time to time Thy word ; we have taken the holy book into our hands, and traced its lines with our eyes, but we would confess, O Lord, with deep humiliation and abasement of spirit, that we have gone away heedless of its instruction, its warnings, its precepts. We have walked into the world to follow our business, or to seek pleasure, as if no eye but that of man were upon us, as if no holy voice had spoken to and warned us to flee from the wrath to come. And yet Thy word held out its promises, blessings here and hereafter ; blessings more in number than we can recount, to him who hears, reads, and keeps those things which are written. O Lord, pardon us, we pray Thee ; be merciful, we beseech Thee, to us, miserable sinners ; blot out our offences, remember not our carelessness, but strengthen us for the time to come. Make us to hear faithfully, and to read with attention every lesson given in mercy by Thee ; and so guide us, by Thy Spirit when we have heard and read, that we may not come under the condemnation of unprofitable servants who heed not a master's bidding, but may receive the reward promised to those who know Thy will and do it, even eternal life through Christ Jesus. Amen.

MORNING

O LORD God, who hast promised salvation to all men, bidding all to come unto Thee, through Christ their common Saviour, accept us, as we seek that salvation in His name, and for His sake. O Lord, we seek it for ourselves, because we know that it only endureth ; we ask it for others, because our blessed Lord has taught us that we cannot love Thee unless we love our brethren also. Oh, do Thou shew thy mercy in converting many unto Thee. Look upon the deluded Jew, the remnant of Thy chosen people, the outcast from Thy favor, and, in this our day, be merciful unto them as Thou wert of old. Remove the scale from their eyes, the prejudice from their hearts, which hide a Saviour from them, and bar their way to Thee. Illuminate the paths they tread, that they may know Thee, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent; that they may turn to the despised Galilean as their God; to the crucified One as their Lord and King; to the humble, lowly Jesus as their JEHOVAH indeed. And do Thou strengthen the energies of those who seek their good, that they may be more zealous, and more bold to proclaim the one name, as the only hope of Jew and Gentile alike; that all men may know that there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we may be saved, but that of Jesus. And lead us to Him in full assurance and faith, and bless us, for His sake, in these and all our prayers. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we would approach Thee again in the language of intercession, for we would ask Thee to look with favor and compassion on the heathen, the ignorant, and those that are out of the way. Send to them speedily the glad tidings of a Saviour, who has made atonement for them, and provided a way of escape, even for the most vile. Accompany, O Lord, those faithful men who take the word of truth to their benighted fellow-creatures, and let Thy grace be with them. Make their way plain; remove from before them all hindrances; and subdue in them all evil propensities which might blot their labor of love. Open their mouths that they may speak effectually to the thousands among whom they go, and day by day add to the number of Thine elect in all the remote corners of the globe. Give to each of us who stay at home more energy in prayer on their behalf; more zeal in the cause, shewn by more liberality and exertion. Stir us up to see that it is Thy dear Son's especial work, as those who go forth to preach the Gospel, go with His especial commission, and let this be among the many proofs that we love our Saviour indeed, that we shew love to those who yet know Him not, by bringing His name to them. Yea, Lord, let us more and more, from pure love to Thee, and in remembrance of all Thou hast done for us, strive to be instruments to bring many to righteousness, and thus to glorify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our common Lord, and God Amen.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God and Father, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through and with whom we are made heirs of heaven, and inheritors of an everlasting kingdom, be merciful unto us, we pray Thee, and give us a right spirit. Take away from us our stony hearts, and give us hearts of flesh, and so subdue our evil and corrupt natures, and lead us into Thy truth, that we may receive the inheritance purchased for us, by the death of Thy dear Son, and become Thine in all things. Bless each individual here present according to our several wants. Thou only canst, and dost read the hearts of Thy creatures ; oh, look upon our hearts in pity ; remove from them every evil affection and desire ; every corrupt imagination and foolish thought ; purify them from all taint of sin, and cleanse them for Thyself, that we may become fitting temples wherein Thou mayest dwell, and pursue those duties which are accordant with Thy word. O Lord, since now is the accepted time, give us grace now ; this day, yea, Lord, in this hour, seal on our hearts some new truth, and strengthen the little love we bear to Thee ; that Thy holy day and its duties may not be lost upon us. Bless us in its ordinances, and strengthen us from its exercises, so shall we pass onward increasing more and more in Thy favor, and being made more and more meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. Oh, hear and answer, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

LORD, most gracious, high, and holy, behold
implicating servants, who now seek to Thee, as
r Sabbath closes, to thank Thee for the blessings
day, for its opportunities and benefits. O grant
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join Thy worshiping people in their prayers and
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good, may bring a curse, and add to our con-
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r in His own words:—Our Father.

MORNING.

O GOD, high and mighty, be graciously pleased to hear our prayer, and answer for Jesus Christ's sake. Let our supplications be made known unto Thee, and supply all our necessities. But, that we may obtain this, oh, enable us to know our wants from our wishes: give us the keen understanding, the searching power of Thy Holy Spirit that we may read our own hearts as they are; that we may so learn how vain and foolish are most of our wishes; how altogether unprofitable, and tainted with sin; how often, if granted, they would turn to our own discomfort, disquietude, and sorrow. And then, O Lord, convince us how few are our real wants; for Thou, O gracious God, showerest down upon us continually, from Thine abundant store, mercies and blessings innumerable, leaving a few things to be required, in order that we may feel our dependence on Thee, and acknowledge Thy power: that we may perceive how free is the gift, and how unprovided the receiver. Open Thou our mouths, to acknowledge this; make us truly to feel our insufficiency to provide for ourselves, to obtain any good thing without Thine aid, and then strengthen us in both body and soul, that we may labour earnestly to obtain a supply of such things as we need, to do each of us his duty in the state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place us; but in the spirit of him who said, "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." And oh, bless our labours and hear our prayers for the love Thou bearest to Him, whose name we plead, Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who hast ever vouchsafed to hear the prayers of Thy faithful people, not only on behalf of themselves, but of others, and hast answered the humble petition which sought a brother's welfare, we would now ask Thee to look with pity and compassion upon the whole race of mankind. We are all Thy creatures ; for all alike did our Redeemer die, and for each art Thou, O God, waiting to be gracious. We know that Thou art no respecter of persons, but that all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, share Thy favor and have Thy blessing. Oh, shed abroad that love more and more, wider and wider day by day. Give grace to Thy ministers in every land, that they may speak boldly and faithfully the word of truth. Increase the number of those who take with them from our shores the glad tidings of salvation to distant lands, and prepare for them the yet barren soil of many hearts, that they may receive the seed of eternal truth, and bring forth fruit in due season. To the ignorant of our own favored land be, O Lord, especially gracious. Shew to them their increased iniquity, if they despise the means so abundant, and so easy as those which Thou hast mercifully provided for us. And make us, who have received the truth as it is in Jesus, to shew it forth in our lives, and to exemplify it in our daily walk, to speak of it in our goings out, and comings in, and to trust to it in all things, for His sake, our Redeemer and God. Amen

MORNING.

O LORD God, our heavenly father ; Thou Shepherd of Israel, who ledest Thy chosen like sheep, and bringest them into fair pastures, be Thou to us a Shepherd, and give us grace to listen to Thy voice with tender affection, and to obey Thy call. We are again called to the duties of another day ; we are about to enter into the business of life ; and to partake in the occupations of time ; the voice of pleasure may perhaps speak to some, the sound of amusement may attract others, and the snares of the world may more or less absorb all. Oh, be Thou nigh, good Lord, to deliver us in the hour of trial ; to give strength when temptation comes. Go forth with us, and be present in all our doings ; and let the small voice of conscience do his busy work, whilst we listen, with attentive obedience, to his many biddings. Give us that singleness of heart and purpose which was in Christ Jesus ; that devotedness to Thy will which marked His every work ; that desire to follow Him in all things, that we may all, at the last, be found at the right hand of our King and Judge. Thy grace, O Lord, is sufficient to accomplish this in us ; perfect the work, we beseech Thee, in one and all, and lead and guide us, and all near and dear to us, our kindred, and friends, that we may find even this life pleasant, because devoted to Thy service, and a life eternal, sure, because we have not trusted in an arm of flesh to deliver us, but in Thee only, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, Thou searcher of the hearts of men, and who knowest what is in man, enable us, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, to search our own hearts, to try if they be right with Thee. We know how deceitful they are, and desperately wicked; that in us dwelleth no good thing: and yet we know that we must be made an habitation for Thee by the Spirit, if we would live eternally. Shew us, O Lord, our every sin; teach us how to discern iniquity within. Lead us to the most searching inquiry into our own selves, and every thought which savours of evil, that we may flee to Thee, the fountain of mercy, and obtain pardon, peace, and deliverance. We are indeed sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, on account of our sins: they cleave to us as a garment: they inclose us in heavy folds, and keep us from Thee. Is it not, Lord, because we know them not, and will not understand. Is it not, because we are indifferent, and will not inquire. We are content to go on as we have done; conscience is lulled; we fancy ourselves secure, because we still live, and because Thy love still vouchsafes to us good things; and mercies, though unacknowledged, are renewed to us day by day. And yet for all these things, O Lord, Thou hast warned us that we shall be brought to judgment. Oh, purify us, good Lord, from all defilement of sin, and the flesh, and bless us by Thy constant help, and keep us to the great day of account, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, who only doest wonderful things, and whose power is over all Thy works ; behold now we pray Thee, this household and family, which calls upon Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, stretch forth Thy fatherly arm over us, to protect in every hour of danger, and to shelter when temptation comes. Keep us from the pestilence that walketh in noon-day ; from pain and disease ; let not sickness get the mastery over us, but continue to us Thy great blessings of health and strength ; our faculties of mind and body. Should sorrow arise, be Thou our consolation, leading us to reflect on Him who endured so much greater, that we might have peace and joy. Teach us how to cast all our care on Thee, in full unhesitating dependence on Thy power and will to help us, since Thou carest for us. Watch over all our doings, and keep us that our feet slip not. Order our goings in Thy paths, and shew us the way of Thy commandments. And when Thy voice calls us from the pleasures and business of life, to worship Thee as we would now do, give us that readiness of spirit, that cheerfulness which may shew that we value Thy presence, that we know how to estimate Thy love, and to benefit by Thy mercies. And subdue in us every thought or feeling which might hinder us from an undivided attention ; which might prevent us joining in spirit and in truth in the petitions which we are about to offer ; and accept now and ever our poor and feeble service as an offering of faith for the love Thou bearest to Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou eternal One, who hearest prayer ; who hast promised to its faithful exercise speedy and full returns. Thou, who hast given us an assurance of Thy readiness to meet the wishes, and to remove the wants of all Thy creatures in manifold instances of mercy and love ; endue us, we humbly beseech Thee, with such lively faith, and such sure hope, that the words which we now and ever utter unto Thee may be prayers indeed. Oh, make them to be the outpourings of our hearts ; the fervent expressions of devoted spirits ; the earnest cries of wanting creatures, who can find no rest nor comfort from any but from Thee, through their Redeemer, Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. We must own that our hearts are but barren ground ; that they produce not such fruit, nor in such abundance as they might ; for we have failed to seek the dew of thy blessing ; we have not asked the continuing aid of Thy Holy Spirit, to breathe upon us with His refreshing and enlivening breath ; we have not exercised ourselves in prayer. Though we meet together, and together use the words of supplication, how often do wandering thoughts contradict our lips' utterance ; and though we kneel in our chambers, how often do we find no answer, because our minds have wavered from Thee to the world ; from the soul's eternal interest, to the cares of life and the profits of time. Oh, pardon and deliver us ; and let the Spirit which actuated Him who taught us how to pray, actuate us whenever we come unto Thee in His name, and with His words, as we now do :—Our Father.

MORNING.

WE beseech Thee, O eternal Lord God, for Jesus Christ's sake, to lend an attentive ear to our prayer, for we would seek Thee, because we can do nothing without Thine aid, and because Thou hast promised that, if we seek, we shall find. Oh, give us a cheerful and ready obedience to Thy will in all things; make us anxiously to inquire into our own hearts, to try and prove ourselves, if there be any wicked imagination lurking there; if we be harboring malice, or revenge, or ill will; if there be any neighbor or acquaintance whom we love not with the christian's love; if we are not inclined to all the good we can, even at our own cost, and at the sacrifice of self. Open to us all the secret springs of that deceitful member, that we deceive not ourselves, that we err not from the right way, the while we fancy that we are walking in it. Take away from us every prejudice, all pride, and whatsoever else may hinder us from following after godliness. And do Thou shew us the vanity of all worldly distinctions and display, in which man clothes and hugs himself, as if to hide shame and nakedness, and sin, of which they are the badge; for we know that, however we may disguise ourselves before men, in Thy sight we are naked, and every member is open to Thee, every thought exposed, every desire known. And make us to seek the garment of righteousness, and the distinction that we are sons of God, and joint heirs with Christ, for whose sake hear us, we beseech Thee, now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent they may return into the way of righteousness, mercifully absolve us from our offences. Hear our confession, and listen to our cry for pardon and peace. Yea, Lord, blot out our offences which are more in number than we can recount, as a thick cloud, and let them no more stand against us; for Christ's sake, do Thou deal with us in Fatherly compassion; make us to feel our need ever of Thy forbearance; that if Thou wert extreme to mark what is done amiss we could not abide it; and that Thou wilt in no wise excuse the sinner, unless he heartily repent, and turn unto Thee for salvation, pardon, and peace. May we take good heed unto ourselves, and set a watch upon the door of our lips, lest we speak vanity or lies; lest we deceive our neighbor, or attempt to hide our guilt from Thee, and so increase our condemnation. May we search our own spirits, that they be not blinded nor sensual; not given to sin and iniquity: not set upon this world and its fashions which soon pass away and are not; and which do not satisfy, even in the partaking; but lead us to Thy word; be Thou our lamp as we read it, and so impress it on our hearts that we may draw thence the waters of life and drink and be satisfied. We ask these things, O Lord, not only for ourselves, but for others, for all on whose behalf we ought to pray; grant then, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast done great things for us whereat we rejoice ; Thou hast visited us as a nation and kept us as a people, and we bless Thy holy name and we thank Thee for all Thy benefits. Yet, Lord, we must own, with deep sorrow and contrition of heart that we have not received them as Thine, nor acknowledged, as we ought to have done, Thine hand in them. We have speculated on the wisdom of man, and admired that counsel which went before prosperity ; but we have forgotten to say that it is Thine hand on which blesseth all things living with plenteousness. We have admired the zeal of the husbandman, and praised his work, because his crops were full and good ; but we have not remembered that it is Thou only O God, who givest the increase. We have risen early and late taken rest, that we might perfect some cherished design, bring some cunning device to perfection or follow out some scheme of pleasure or profit. Ye alas, Thou knowest how seldom we have begun with prayer—how much more seldom we have continued our work in the spirit of prayer, a holy and entire reliance on Thee to bless our labour, to smile upon our engagement, the operations of our hands ; and oh, how much more seldom still, our ending was with the voice of praise and thanksgiving. Pardon us good Lord, and shew us Thy love in gentle correction. Be not angry with us for ever, but bless us with fresh supplies of grace day by day, for Jesus Christ's sake Amen.

EVENING.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, by the love Thou bearest to Thine own Son, the Son of Thy love, to regard us as Thy children, now prostrate at Thy throne, in humble acknowledgment that we are unworthy of Thy love, and that we dare not appear before Thee, save in the name of that Son, our Mediator and Intercessor. Oh, make us to feel this as a truth, which shall influence us through all time, and be seen in our daily life and practice. Subdue in us all pride of station, birth, or possession. Make us to remember, that Adam was our forefather in common with all mankind, and that we, as well as they, are all alike under the curse of a broken law; that we are all living in the same world, and all receiving from the same God the good things of time, though they be dealt out to us in various measures; that we are all redeemed by the One Saviour, who shed His blood for the vilest as well as for the noblest of mankind, for His first promise of eternal rest was to a dying thief; that the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier of all without distinction of persons, for the beggar's prayer, uttered in His strength, is availing with Thee as though he were a prince, or a king. And, in remembrance of these truths, keep us from that sin, through which Eve fell, pride, and which is the darling sin of every one of her race, save Him who, though a man, was without sin, and for His sake, humble us, as He was humble, that we may all be exalted with His exaltation and dwell with Thee in eternal life. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou Judge of quick and dead, before whom all men must stand at Thine appearing, and who knowest all our hearts, the springs of our most secret actions, our temptations and our trials, deal mercifully with us, we beseech Thee. Let Thine eye of pity regard us, in this our cheerful service, and Thy voice of love and mercy supplicate Thy Father in our behalf. Call to remembrance, as we plead, Thine own sufferings, Thy cruel temptations, Thy sorrows ; all that can tempt man to forget his Maker, to forsake his God, to sin ; and then take our prayers to the throne of mercy and grace, and ask, for Thine own sake, that we may be strengthened against all the assaults of the devil ; that we may have an unwavering faith in the promises of the Gospel ; that we may walk as children of light ; that we may have no fellowship with the works of darkness ; that we may avoid evil ; may forsake the company of the ungodly and unbelievers. Oh, grant that we may ever have grace and strength to avoid those who walk not as Thou, our Saviour, didst, pure amidst the impure, tainted not by their iniquity, but seeking to implant in the hearts of all holiness and love. May our faith be manifest in acts of christian love and forbearance, and may we all remember that, however carefully we think to hide ourselves from Thy presence now, Thou must be our Judge, as Thou art our very God and Saviour, to whom all hearts are open, and who wilt judge us by our deeds to condemn, or to bless. Oh, be very gracious unto us, and help and deliver us, we beseech Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, thou art very gracious unto Thy land, Thou lookest upon it with continuing favor, and givest us the increase of many blessings. Preserve them to us, we beseech Thee, and give us grateful hearts. Instil into us a due sense of all Thy mercies; make us to know and understand Thy goodness, and so, when sorrows or distress come upon us, to praise Thee, rather that we have had less of them, than to murmur or be cast down because Thine hand is heavy upon us. Open our eyes to see the many proofs of Thy love, Thy tenderness, and pity which daily surround us; the constantly returning proofs that Thou carest for us, because our goings are ordered well; because our nights are passed in refreshing sleep, and quiet security; because our days bring us no evil, and the means of grace are many. Oh, shall we refuse to praise Thee for these things; shall we delay to make haste; shall we tarry when Thou callest. Lord, draw us by Thy spirit; draw us by the cords of Thy love and pity, that we may flee to Thee for rest and refuge; that we may seek Thee in Thine own appointed way, and rejoice in the heavenly comfort which our seeking must surely bring upon us. It is Thy work, O God; it is Thy voice which crieth—Repent ye, and turn, why will ye die. Graciously then confirm our weak and feeble limbs, that we may be strong in Thee and rejoice evermore in Thy most holy name, and bless Thee for Thine untiring love, especially as shewn in the death of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who hast made all men for Thyself, and wouldest that all should come unto Thee in Christ, mercifully look upon us who are now met together to supplicate Thy mercy, and to ask Thy grace. Grant us such grace and strength as may enable us to spend this day as we ought, as the Sabbath of the Lord ; as a day of holy rest and heavenly refreshing ; as a privileged period when we may come before Thee in Thine own house, and confess our sins, and pray, together with our fellows, for all the blessings of this life, and for more confirmed hopes of a better, when death shall have taken us from this scene of trials and temptations. Oh, do Thou give to all of us who may be able so to come into Thy presence this day, spirits purified from the filth and pollution of the flesh ; hearts sensible of their naughtiness and deceit ; and humility such as should pervade a creature lowly as man when speaking with his Maker face to face. And may those who cannot join us in Thy courts in body, be there with us in spirit ; may our prayers ascend on their behalf, and avail for them ; and may they give themselves in their own chambers, and in the stillness of their homes, to holy communion with Thee, that this day be not counted unto them as sin, but that we all may rejoice in it with exceeding great joy, and find a comfort which only Thou canst give, and which we ask in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen

EVENING.

O LORD God, our Sovereign and Creator, another Sabbath's privileges have been ours, renewed means of grace have been given to us, and we would, with grateful hearts, though our words be feeble, because our power is weak, bless Thee for the gift, and thank Thee for the privilege. Oh, make our future lives bear witness to the sincerity of our lips' expression. Strengthen us to walk according to all the precepts we have this day heard; to follow out the instruction we have this day received. Enable us to lay to heart the warnings of Thy ministers, which they have uttered, in Thy name, and by Thy authority, to us; and to grant to each one of us such a spirit of holy teachable submission, that we may learn as babes, and receive with meekness and affection the engrafted word, which is able to save our souls. May we lay to heart the value of time, whose it is, and for what purpose it is lent to us. May we perceive in it the opportunity to work out our own salvation; that it is a talent which we must use to promote the glory of the Giver, and restore to Him at the last day with usury, or suffer with the unprofitable servant. Yea, Lord, impress this upon us, for we must confess that, though our days be short, we use them not as we might, we value them not as we ought; we dream hours away, and waste precious minutes, in vain and profitless speculation. O Lord, hear our confession; give to us a repentance not to be repented of; strengthen us for the time to come, and pardon the past, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, Thou who readest the hearts, and knowest the powers of man ; Thou who canst tell our strength and faculties for the work we ought to do, be merciful unto us, for we are very slow to work for Thee ; our hearts are very dull, and heavy ; our spirits flag, and move not, though Thou hast redeemed us. Oh, that our zeal were proportioned to our opportunities ; that our earnestness equalled our wants, and that our desires could but prompt the utterance of our prayers. Oh, that we could flee unto Thee with the eagerness with which we seek human means to deliver us out of trouble, and give those energies, which human designs find us ready to employ in perfecting them, towards working out our soul's salvation. Oh, that we could be wise ; and walk, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, giving our nights to prayer, and our days to a faithful walk before Thee, and so let our light shine before men, that they might see our good works, and glorify Thee, our Father, in heaven. O Lord, hear us, and persuade us, for Thy voice is love ; lead us, for Thy doings are mercy ; and pour out upon us more and more, day by day, of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus ; and, loving Thee better, may do the work that thou hast appointed for us, whatsoever it be ; and that we may, at that day, receive the reward of faithful servants, the joy of our Lord. Yea, make this our rejoicing, not that we have joy here, but that our joy is in heaven with Thee, O God, and our blessed Saviour, and the Holy Ghost, for ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we come before Thee to pour out our hearts in prayer, and to unburden our spirits, for our sins are many, and our short-comings are very grievous. We are cold in the performance even of our vows. We regard Thee as a hard master, who requirest more than we can perform, and we wilfully blind ourselves to those acts of mercy which day by day shew Thy kindness, Thy forbearance, and love. O God, were we to speak the truth from our hearts, we must each one own that we are all debtors to Thee for things which we can never repay; we have received more than we can acknowledge; more than our memories can retain. Thine arm sheltered our infancy; Thine hand led our infant years; and Thy grace only has restrained us when, in later years, we have refused to yield to temptation, and to partake in sin. Thy mercy has supplied our necessities; and, if we have labored for earthly wages, and the supply of earthly necessities, it was Thou who didst give us strength and health, to do our duty in the state of life in which it has pleased Thee to place us. Young and old, rich and poor, must all alike proclaim that Thou art merciful and gracious, long suffering and of great kindness. O Lord, open Thou our lips and our mouths shall speak Thy praise. Shew us Thy salvation; convince us of Thy doings for the children of men; and if we lack anything that is good, oh, teach us to come to Thee in faith, relying on Thy promises in Christ Jesus, and so save us from the unbeliever's fate, for his sake, our Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

WE would come before Thee, O Lord God, in the name of our blessed Redeemer, we would seek Thee through our great Intercessor, and for His sake ask Thee to look with Thy favor upon us. Give us cheerful, quiet spirits, set on Thee, and rejoicing in Thy favor; hearts above the vanities and follies of life; affections resting on better things than those of sense and time; dispositions accordant with the holy example of our Saviour; and voices attuned to Thy law, and given to prayer and praise. Let Thy Holy Spirit work in us these things, and dwell within us, that we may ever have before our eyes a true conviction of our state, an abiding sense of our insufficiency to do anything of ourselves, and of the shortness of the time in which we have to work out our own salvation. Days pass, months and years accumulate upon our heads, and Thou still sparest us that we may repent and turn to Thee; turn us, O good Lord, and have mercy upon us; deliver us from the temptations which most easily beset us; shew us to ourselves as we are, and, oh, make us to see what we ought to be. Open our eyes to learn this from Thy book; to read it in the word of Thy law, and keep us, and all near and dear unto us by Thy especial Providence, so shall we indeed rejoice and have exceeding joy, even in this world, and in the world to come everlasting felicity, through Him who purchased it for us, by His own blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

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all things ; that we may consider all the gifts of
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nothing when put in opposition to it. Thou
create man in Thine own image ; Thou didst
him with Thy moral likeness, that he might
before Thee in righteousness and holiness all the
of his life. And, when he fell by sin, Thou didst
Thine only Son, the Son of Thy love, from the
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and, tabernacled in flesh, that He die for our
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r Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, who with Thy promises, hast also uttered warnings ; who, with declarations of mercy, many and great, hast also spoken of justice and judgment to come ; open our ears to listen to Thy voice, now whilst it is called day, lest death come upon us unawares, and we be awakened from our sleep of indifference and false security into which we have fallen, by the thunders of wrath and vengeance, when there is no remedy. Oh, let the still small voice of persuasive love plead with us ; and let every good thing we enjoy urge us to flee to the great Giver, who is, in Christ Jesus, a reconciled Father ; even to Thee, our Lord God. We must own, O Lord, and therefore, our prayer is urgent, that hitherto Thy mercy and love have not persuaded us ; they have been ours, but we would not be Thine. Oh, then let the fearful denunciations of judgment to come, the threatenings of eternal punishment, be effectual. Shew us, in all its fulness, the evil prepared for the wicked, and those who love not the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. Save us, good Lord, oh save us, though we suffer here ; though pain and sorrow and anguish be our taskmasters, let us bear them all, rather than forfeit a hope of the inheritance with the saints in light ; rather than prepare our place with the devil and his angels, where misery is an everlasting portion. We know that Thou wouldest not that any should perish ; give us grace to come unto Thee for that salvation which Christ has wrought for us, and seal it ours for His sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, a refuge and fortress to all who trust in Thee. Thou, Most High, who dwellest in the secret place, and yet waitest to receive Thy suffering sinful creatures, who flee unto Thee, through Jesus Christ; we now come, in His name, and shielded by His merits. We are beset on every side with danger; temptations are many and strong; sin smiles, and comes in the luring form of pleasure; iniquity promises rich things; and the beauty of the world often leads us to think only of itself. Friends beguile; acquaintance occupy us, and time passes away unheeded. All around is very fair, and we are too frequently led to feel as if we were very happy and content. O Lord, shew us the fearful delusion of these things; convince us of the folly of yielding to any persuasion, however right it may seem, until we have tried it by the rule of Thy law; until we have fled to Thee in prayer, to deliver us from the snare, and to cover us with Thy feathers. O, let Thy truth be our shield and buckler. Give us that entire trust, and confidence in Thee, and Thy goodness and promises, that, loving Thee above all things, we may feel no evil shall befall us, neither shall any plague come nigh our dwelling; for Thou wilt give Thine angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways. And do Thou so bless our dear relations and friends; do Thou so keep all for whom we ought to pray, and let Thy light shine more brightly upon us day by day, until we arrive at the fulness of light in Thy presence, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who is like unto Thee; who does as Thou doest for the sons of men; or, in whom can we trust but Thee. Kings are afar off, and hear us not; mighty men are seeking praise, honor, and glory for themselves; they are pursuing this world's goods; and every one has to labor on his own account. And yet, Lord, in our vanity and folly, we dare to put our trust in princes; we presume that they may help and prosper us, and we petition for their favor. We look to our fellow man for aid, and protection in difficulties and dangers, and we are content to trust our life to human skill. Oh, how we condemn ourselves, and deny the truth which is in us. We know that with Thee only is health and strength; that in Thy favor only is light and life; and that Thou canst do all things. Teach us, O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake, to use the means which Thou hast appointed on earth for our good, only in subservience to Thee. When we ask from man a benefit, let it follow a prayer for Thy blessing; and when we use man's skill, oh, let us feel that Thou only canst make it effectual for its purposed aid. Yea, Lord, so establish our faith, that our hope may be sure; so order our goings, that our feet may stand upon a rock, even the Rock of ages, Jesus Christ our Redeemer; so stay us in every hour and trial, that we may never forget Thee as our God, our Father, and Friend, but may look to Thee ever in Christ, for whose sake we beseech Thee to hear us in these petitions, and further in His own words, our prayer:—
Our Father.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL Lord God, high and holy, hear our confession, and make our repentance sincere. We know the naughtiness of our hearts, and how unruly our tongues are. We must own that, day by day, we speak vain things, and our lips utter lies. Oh, how often have we called on Thee in words, which our spirits never felt; how often have we said, Lord, when our thoughts were far from Thee; and how often have we bended the knee in proposed adoration, when things of time and sense had the mastery of us. O Lord, let Thy pardoning grace forgive the past, and Jesu's blood be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. And, for the time to come, let Thy Spirit's aid be more fully imparted, more freely given. Teach us to pray more continually, more perseveringly, more earnestly for that holy gift, that heavenly grace. Open Thou our mouths ever to speak Thy praise, and keep the door of our lips, that they utter no evil. Preserve us from profane words; from foolish expressions; from idle utterance. Let no ungodly thought find vent in words; no deep laid device of iniquity pass our tongue. But enable us to tell of Thy wonders day by day; to proclaim Thy mercies to the sons of men; to shew forth Thy praise in hallowed language; and to declare a dying Saviour's love. Shew us how blessed a thing it is to speak of Thy praise; to tell of Thy wonders early in the morning and of Thy goodness in the night season; and so to turn our members into instruments of righteousness, to Thy honor and glory, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD and Saviour, we come unto Thee because we know that Thou art merciful and ever ready to heal the sorest disease under which man can labor, and that we have but to ask in faith that our souls may be satisfied. We come unto Thee, because we have need of Thine assistance, we require Thine aid. Temptations are many, both from within and without; our own sinful passions are continually leading us astray; they are ever rising in rebellion against Thee; the voice of pleasure calls us, the evil one speaks by his slaves to us to follow them to the fancied haunts of joy, and alas, we too often yield, and go astray; we forget Thee, and Thy mercy and love; we refuse Thy invitations, we are deaf to Thy warnings; all the threatenings of Thy law are unheeded, and we go on our way as if we were the creatures of to-day, made only for this life. Hear us as we come, and be gracious unto us; remove our stony hearts, and give us hearts of flesh; speak to us yet more plainly, more persuasively, and strive yet longer and more powerfully with us by Thy Spirit, that we may cease from evil and learn to do well; that we may walk in Thy paths, and in the way of Thy commandments, and so be prepared, gracious Saviour, for Thy coming with the welcome of a faithful servant to his loving Lord, and take these our petitions to Thy Father's Throne, and plead Thy merits on our behalf, now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, merciful Father, who afflictest Thy children in love to bring them to Thyself, we would humbly pray Thee to bless all those on whom Thine hand now presses. Yea, Lord, look upon them with Thy favour, and let Thy grace accompany Thy visitations, that they may tend to Thy glory, and accomplish the great work for which they were sent. Turn, O Lord, the eyes, of all our sick and suffering fellow-creatures unto Thyself. Let their sorrows teach them how to value this world, and life, and the things of time, which are all vanity when Thou breathest the breath of Thy displeasure. Lead them to a prayerful consideration of those things which in health they enjoyed, and which they cannot now look upon, even with a smile; and then shew them the Saviour pleading for them; waiting to hear their first contrite sigh, to take it into Thy holy presence. Give them the sanctifying influence of Thy Spirit, to direct their thoughts heavenward; to draw them altogether from the follies of a temporal existence, and to fix them on the glories of an eternal inheritance. But, O Lord, we would humbly ask Thee to assuage their pain, alleviate their sufferings, and take away from them disease and anguish. And be merciful unto us; keep us from sin, lest we call down Thy judgment; and from presumption, lest we awaken Thy wrath, and make us to be all humble-minded, patient, faithful, waiting Thy time, in all things, for Jesus Christ's sake, our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, hear us from Thy dwelling-place, and direct our cry; give us prayerful spirits, that our petitions may be heard and answered, for Jesus Christ's sake. Yea, Lord, teach us to pray; make us to feel its privilege, and to rejoice in the mercy which permits sinful man to approach his Maker with the language of importunity, and to storm Thy throne with the violence of earnest desire. Teach us that, without prayer, we are but unwinged birds; beings with desires which can never be satisfied, with appetites, whose craving will only increase with the flight of time. Shew us, we beseech Thee, how our best interests depend on prayer; and open our eyes to see our Saviour bending His knee, and crying unto Thee in all the fervor of humble determination which must be heard: and then lead us into His steps. Oh, give to each one of us His spirit; His entire trust, as man, on His father's mercy, and in our afflictions, to say with Him, "If it be possible let this cup pass from me, yet not my will but Thine be done." And bless us in all our social meetings; may they be blessed to every one of us; and, to this end, may we come to them in faith, with a fervent desire to have the things for which we ask, and evermore rejoice in Thy most holy comfort; may we learn that Thy promises are only to them who ask; that Thou hast only promised to those who seek that they shall find, and an opening only to those who knock, that we may ever come, seeking, and knocking, as we would now do, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

WHEREWITH shall we approach Thee, O eternal Jehovah, for we have nothing to bring ; we are too vile to appear in Thy sight, even when pleading our faith, our hopes, our righteousness. Thou hast taught us wherewith to come ; Thou, in mercy, hast shewn us what to bring, even the righteousness of Christ, and His atoning blood, and through Him we have access unto Thee. Cause us then to come, now and ever, in His name, and trusting to His merits ; remove from us all ignorance of Him, of His holy nature and attributes, His gracious offices and power, lest we fail to receive the benefits, and to enjoy the blessings which He has purchased for us. May we see Him as a loving Saviour, who has given an earnest of His love, in that He died to redeem our souls from hell, and from the power of Satan, and went from earth to heaven to prepare a place for us, and to send that Comforter who should abide with us for ever, that He might lead us to the blessed mansions of eternal life and light. May we ever be found in Him and He in us ; may we ever seek His face in our hours of joy as in our day of sorrow, that our praises as well as our prayers may ascend to His ear, and cause a joy which He ever feels in the humble addresses of His creatures. Oh, grant this for His sake, and hear us now and ever in that prayer which He taught and commanded us to use :—Our Father.

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MORNING.

O LORD, we hail this day as Thine, as that which Thou hast made and we rejoice in it ; yea, we are glad, for we can go into Thy courts, we can worship Thee in the 'assembly of Thy people ; we can bend our knees in the place where Thou hast set Thy name, and we can hear Thy holy word read and preached, and learn the way of salvation. Oh, make this joy the joy of each one's heart here present ; give to each such an earnest desire to serve Thee ; such a longing after Thee, that we may derive the benefits which must follow a faithful service, a diligent attendance on the means of grace, this day affords. And not only would we ask this for ourselves, but for all near and dear to us ; give them loving faithful hearts ; endue them with Thy Holy Spirit ; open their eyes, if those of any of them be yet blinded and shut, to the truth as it is in Jesus ; make them to see their lost and ruined condition, and bring this day salvation to them, that Thy name may be more glorified, and fresh members be added to the Church. And shed Thy blessing on those, who are not able, through sickness or necessity, to go into Thine house of prayer this day ; make our prayers effectual for them ; let our petitions arise on their behalf ; and turn their hearts in their chambers, or wheresoever they may be, to holy thoughts, to communings with Thee, that they may be blessed in this day, and find comfort and consolation which shall stay, and support them, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

WE come, O Lord, at the close of another Sabbath, into Thy presence, with the voice of joy and gladness, and ever thank Thee for the mercy which has made it ours. Oh, seal upon our hearts the instruction which our ears have heard, the lessons to which we have listened, and may it be as good seed scattered on fruitful ground; to bring forth abundantly. May we live more and more, day by day, [in Thy faith and fear; may we seek Thee with more diligence; may we be more persevering in our duties; more devoted to Thy service. Enable us to see it as our highest interest, and first duty to glorify Thee in our bodies, which are Thine; and may we all wait upon Thee, as Thy day of holy rest returns, with gladness of heart and cheerfulness of spirit, as if we had received a rich boon, had obtained a great prize. And do Thou prosper the Church to which we belong; purify it from all error; remove all schism from among us; make its members a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Give them that unity of spirit which is from above, and which only cometh down from the Father of lights, even from Thee, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning; that all men may see and know that we are Thy disciples indeed; that they may mark us as we follow our blessed Lord, and be so led to look to Him as their hope and stay, and to walk in His steps. Oh, grant this for His sake, and keep us through Thy mercy and love, Thine for ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, what is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou visitest him ; we are sinners, even from the beginning ; we have gone astray from our earliest hours ; we have deserved day by day Thy punishments, and had not the wrath of an offended God been stayed by merciful remembrance of our weaknesses and frailty, we had long ago been consigned to eternal flames. But Thou hast graciously spared us to another day ; a day indeed of trial, and in which temptation may arise, but for which we would adore Thy divine majesty, because in it we may turn and repent. Turn us, good Lord, and so shall we be turned ; spare us from the ruin which threatens to overwhelm, from the misery which is nigh unto us ; and let Thy Holy Spirit strive yet longer with us. But, O Lord, keep us from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over us ; lest we sink deeper and deeper into the sea of iniquity into which so many plunge, and from which, when too late, they would escape. Make us to remember, that now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation ; and enable us, in this our mortal day, nay in this very hour, to form, in Thy strength, new resolutions, to seek new desires, heavenly pleasures, hopes which are from above, that so we may be enabled to commence a closer walk with Thee, and Thy dear Son, to whom with the Holy Ghost three persons but one God, we would ascribe all honor and dominion for ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, Maker of the universe, Thou High and Holy One, that inhabitest eternity, vouchsafe to hear us. Thou who hast borne with man through ages of rebellion and sin, mercifully behold us ; let Thy patience be exercised on our behalf, and spare us yet a little while, that we may turn to Thee in sincerity, and seek Thee, with holy determination. How often have we trifled with Thy mercy, and despised Thy warnings ; how often neglected Thy threatenings, and walked as if our life were at our own will, and this world all our own. And yet Thou hast spared us ; oh, grant it be not to add to our iniquity and increase our condemnation ; but that we use the time to come as Thy gift, to be improved to our soul's good, and Thy glory. And do Thou keep us ever mindful that our life, at longest, is but short. and may soon be ended ; yea, this night may be our last of life ; that even now the latest sands of our existence here may be running out, and we be standing at this moment on the very threshold of eternity. May we lay this seriously to heart, and with the more earnestness offer these our petitions unto Thee ; may we recall the past, and seek Thy pardoning grace on all its blots, its sins, its offences ; may we resolve, in Thy strength, to pass the future more in conformity with Thy will and law, that whensoever the summons come, we may indeed be prepared to surrender our life with joy, knowing an eternal inheritance is ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast commanded Thy disciples to pray for all men, because Thou wouldest have all to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of Thee and of Thy dear Son ; make our prayers now so effectual that, whilst we offer them in fervor and holy love, they may have their answer, and bring down a blessing from Thee upon all for whom we pray. For our Queen we would ask every spiritual good ; a heart unmoved by aught but the desire for Thy glory, knowing that all needful things must follow ; and a holy determination to promote it by every act of her sovereign will. For her consort and offspring we would ask Thy especial blessing, may they be ornaments to the State, and an example of good to all around them. Give wisdom to our senators ; that wisdom which is from above, and whose end and aim is heaven, that they may see how to walk, and rule those over whom they are set, remembering that to Thee they must one day give account of their every deed. Shower down a saving knowledge on all the ministers of Thy Church from the highest to the lowest ; keep them from error ; enable them to feed the flock of Christ entrusted to them with wholesome food, and bless their labors with much increase. Look with an eye of compassion on all the members of that Church ; establish them in the faith and fear of Thee, and of Thy dear Son ; give them boldness to contend as faithful soldiers of their Saviour, and make us all to be one in spirit and in truth, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD who hast called us with a holy calling ; who hast mercifully taken us from the darkness of ignorance in which we sometime walked, to be the children of light, to dwell in Thy presence for ever ; vouchsafe to us, we pray Thee, such a measure of Thy grace here, that we may love the light, and flee that darkness with which the world encompasses the souls of men. Enable us to pursue steadily our calling in Christ Jesus ; to walk with that singleness of heart and mind which becomes the disciples of a merciful God, a loving Saviour. Grant that we may be ever watchful against the secret and many snares with which the devil surrounds us ; not presuming on light and strength hitherto granted, but seeking, day by day, fresh gifts from Thee, and renewed power to resist the daily renewed temptations of our great enemy. Oh, let not our minds be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ, but keep our hearts with all diligence, and let our minds be stayed on Thee. We know, O Lord, that Thy promise is to those who come ; strong in that promise, we have entered into Thy presence ; and, because we have had the benefit and blessing of that light which comes from above, from Thee, O God, the Father of lights, therefore, we have found our way to Thee. Oh, send us not empty away, but increase Thy blessing, to each one of us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

MOST holy and ever blessed God, we again bow our knees before Thee with contrition of heart, and deep sorrow for our numerous offences ; we would confess them before Thee ; we would come into Thy presence with a saddening knowledge of our insufficiency to help ourselves, a depressing sense of our weakness, and inability to fulfil the requirements of Thy most holy law. Oh, make us to see ourselves, as we are ; open our eyes, the eyes of each one of us,—to behold ourselves in the nakedness of our nature, in that corruption in which we were born, and from which we never can be freed, but which shall not be counted against us, if we only flee to Thee for succour through Christ ; if we only clothe ourselves in His righteousness, and wearing it as a garment, let all men see that we are Thy disciples indeed. O Lord, make us to understand and appreciate the value of this His inestimable gift ; make us to see it as more precious than gold or silver, than all the blessings and comforts and possessions of this life, or even than life itself ; and then endue us with power from above to go and search for it as for hid treasure ; to seek it with diligence and zeal ; early and late, and not to rest until we find it. And, having found it, make us faithful, continuing steadfast unto the end, and ever rejoicing in Thy precious gift, that we may be received as worthy through Christ to sit at the marriage supper of the Lamb. To Him with Thee, O God, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and dominion for ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who is like unto Thee; who but Thou orderest all things; who but Thou, art high, and holy, and omnipotent; who but Thou canst give life and take it away. And yet who, as Thou art, is mocked, despised, blasphemed, neglected. Who as Thou art, is deprived of his rights, and yet forbeardest to avenge, because Thou wouldest have the offended to seek for pardon and to obtain peace. Who, as Thou art, is warred against with the very weapons which were bestowed by Thyself for great and gracious ends, for man defies Thee in the exercise of that very reason which was given that He might thereby know Thee; of that understanding with which he was invested, that He might learn Thy ways, and walk therein through this troubled scene of our mortality. Spare *us*, O good Lord, from such iniquity; subdue *us* to a more rational, a more holy spirit; break down the pride and stubbornness of our corrupt nature, and bring us all in subjection to the law of Christ; teach us His obedience, that we may go about doing good for His sake; and make us simple minded, ready to assist others where we can lessen their burden, or lighten their yoke, seeing that He was every ready to stretch forth His arm in acts of mercy and love. And give us the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit to help, defend, and strengthen us, for Jesus Christ's sake our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS God, another day has opened upon us, and we would dedicate this its early hour to Thy service, to the worship of Thee. Be Thou present with us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake. Take charge of us, and all belonging to us this day; may no fraud be practised to our injury, no deception to our ruin. Thou clothest the lilies of the field, and they obey Thee; do Thou in mercy, so clothe us, and give us like obedience; may the purity of our lives resemble the excellence of their bright hues; may the simplicity of our deeds be before Thee as the sweetness of their perfume; and may their verdure be only as the freshness of our spirits, when we bow down to worship and serve Thee. Give us, O Lord, neither poverty nor riches; and shouldest Thou deny all else, teach us, having food and raiment, to be therewith content. Give us nothing, O Lord, but what must minister to our good; and teach us to discern the sweet from the bitter in this world; not by our natural tastes, but by reference to Thy holy word and will, that we may thus avoid many snares, and be stayed on Thee. And may a knowledge of Thy will be our best incentive; may it be our guide, our constant comfort, so that our minds may be at peace, and our hearts free from trouble, and we may feel ourselves to be Thy disciples indeed. Oh grant this in mercy and love, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, our Governor and Preserver, let Thy face shine upon us, and Thy Spirit influence us, whilst we pray. Speak peace to our souls; take away from us whatsoever may hinder us from offering undivided service, and entire hearts. We would adore Thee, O Lord, as the supreme and only God. We would worship Thee, as the One, to whom we owe everything, as we received all things from Thee. We would own, that Thou hast a claim upon our best service; that we can never fulfil what we owe to Thee, nor perform what Thy law requires at our hands. Grant, we beseech Thee, that nothing may step in to claim a joint place in our hearts; that we may not be tempted, like the heathen, to have gods many, and lords many; but enable us to comprehend Thy nature, and attributes, Thy majesty and power, that we may know how to worship Thee with a spiritual worship, and in truth. To this end, O Lord, give us an abiding faith in that mysterious union, which binds three persons in one Godhead. Let not vain presumption lead us to deny that saving truth. Spare us, good Lord, from such awful heresy, such daring impiety and sin; and keep us true and sincere worshipers of the triune God, JEHOVAH, our God, and Saviour. Oh, let not our condemnation be, that we refused to acknowledge Thee to be the Lord our God, because we had other gods than Thee. And hear us, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, eternal, high in the heavens over all; the Creator and Governor of the universe; give us such a sense of Thy majesty and greatness, that we may worship Thee with a holy worship; an entire and humble heart. Keep us, we beseech Thee, from all idolatry, that we make not to ourselves any graven image; nor bow down and worship the work of man's hands. Suffer us not to find any form or object which may divide our service, or interfere with our duty to Thee. Preserve us from the love of riches, which eat as a canker, and are the root of all evil; from the desire for honors, which occupy time and talents, and make Thy name to be lightly esteemed. Shew to us the hollowness of fame, for which men labor, as for a good thing: and let us never forget that, without Thy blessing, riches are but poverty, and fame is a disgrace. We are too much tempted, O Lord, by things of time and sense; our natural hearts seek them rather than Thee; and our spirits cleave to them more than to Thee. We love the present, because it is ours; and in its enjoyment we destroy our future, which by faith in Thy promises, were ours also. We declare daily by our doings, that we will not have Thee to rule over us. And yet we own that Thou art God in heaven above, and in the earth beneath. O Lord, make our actions more conformable to our profession. Teach us how to acknowledge Thee as God alone; not by saying unto Thee Lord, Lord, but by doing Thy will, giving to Thee our whole hearts, for the love of Thy dear Son, our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, whose name is holy, give us, we pray Thee, such a sense of Thy majesty, that we may never speak of Thee with irreverence, or profaneness. Let Thy name be ever a watchword with us, to lead us to sober thought and serious reflection. May it bring to our minds those great and solemn considerations which Thy attributes must inspire with Thy worshippers. Make us to remember that Thou art in heaven and we upon earth ; and that to Thee we must account for everything we say or do. Keep then our mouths from naming Thy name with levity ; preserve us from the sin of jesting about anything sacred ; or making Thy word the subject of idle conversation, or profane remark. When we kneel in prayer, preserve us from taking Thy name in vain, by allowing our thoughts to wander, whilst we are calling, in words, on Thee to hear. Oh, how often do we thus break Thy commandment, sin against Thee, and stand in Thy sight guilty and condemned. Impress upon us so deeply the importance of not thus offending, that we may ourselves practise, and urge upon others the necessity of exercising, grave and constant watchfulness. And do Thou shed more light on the dark and ignorant around us, that they may cease from this prevailing and deadly sin, and learn to love that name, which has so often passed their lips in vain, as the one which seals our hopes, and is the ground of our faith. Lead us to worship Thee as the one God, whose glory none can reach, and whose name is to be honored for the love and sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, Thou hast spoken, and all Thy people have heard Thy voice declaring—"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Thy prophets have uttered warnings and promises connected with that day, and judgments are denounced against him who profanes it. O Lord, now, ere another Sabbath dawn, permit us to ask Thy enlivening grace, to make us more sensible of the duties and the privileges of that day which Thou hast hallowed. Enforce upon us its holiness to Thee; that it is Thine own day, on which man shall cease from labour and pleasures, and, turning to Thee with heart and spirit, dedicate its hours to Thy spiritual service. Make us to know that, as Thy command to man is, to labor through six days, to do all his work, so, on the seventh day, he is equally called by Thee to rest from his labor, to cause all things which may occupy him or his servants, to cease, that we may devote its every hour to Thy worship and glory. O Lord, we have too often refused to do this; and, though we have gone into Thine house, we have left it to join the company of the ungodly and profane; to mix with the careless ones, who have not God in all their thoughts; or, may-hap, to read the light book, the amusing tale, the profitless essay. Pardon we pray Thee, and restrain us for the time to come. Make us to understand the nature of holiness, that we may devote ourselves, our souls, and bodies as holy unto Thee, which is our reasonable service, and so glorify Him who is Lord also of the Sabbath, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

EVENING.

LET this hour, O Lord, draw us nearer to Thee ; let this prayer, O God, bring us closer to the Saviour, and Thy grace now vouchsafe to us more of the Holy Spirit's aid. It is a Sabbath's eve ; oh, bring us to close self-examination, and serious thought. Lead us to a more searching inquiry into our doings through the past week than we have hitherto instituted, and ere we lie down to rest, and sleep, enable us to ascertain if all be right within, and if our spirits are at peace with Thee. We know how much that season has to witness against us, and yet, Lord, we have not with sufficient earnestness and zeal longed for the morrow, that we might come before Thee, on Thine own holy day, in Thine own house, with Thy worshiping people, to seek Thy favor, and to ask Thy blessing. Let us resolve now, in Thy strength, to seek Thee with more earnestness. O Lord, hear us ; O Lord, answer, for Jesus Christ's sake ; let not our offences stand between us and Thee, to hide Thy favor from us, and to prevent Thy blessing. Give ear, O Lord, to our cry, for whom have we in heaven but Thee, and whom upon earth we can compare with Thee. Thy favor lost, we are destitute and undone ; our Saviour's pleading vain, and there is no more hope left. Yet, Lord, Thy mercy is very great. Prepare us for the morrow ; take away from us the love of iniquity ; implant in us the love of Thee ; lead us to the courts of Thy house in faith, to worship, and serve Thee, and to seek those things which are good for us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast distributed Thy gifts according to Thine own good pleasure, and hast given to each of Thy creatures such talents as seemed best to Thee, we beseech Thee, in mercy, to shew us Thy great love, and the wisdom, which made the appointment, that we may glorify Thee for the good gifts vouchsafed to us, by using them in Thy service. O Lord, we are too apt to forget, that we are but stewards of these things; that they are profitable to us only in their use; and as they shall supply the wants of others. If we have been permitted to learn Thy word, and to know Thy will, open our mouths we pray Thee to speak of it to others; not as boasting, but as humble disciples of our Lord and Saviour, who, having freely received, would freely give. If we are blessed with the good things of this life, oh, open our hearts, that we may minister unto those that want; that we may be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for ourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that we may attain eternal life. Teach us to be kindly affectionate one to another, in brotherly love; that we may imitate Him, who went about on unceasing errands of love and mercy. And remove from us all self-conceit; all self-trust; all thought of self, which may hinder us from doing our duty, each in the state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place us, that we may not be cast out as unprofitable servants, but have our reward, as found faithful before Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, who hast, in mercy, placed us in this world of trial, that we may be fitted for a heavenly inheritance, so strengthen us by Thy grace and Holy Spirit, that we may pass the time of our sojourning here on earth as those who are called with so holy a calling, and walk worthy of our vocation, which is in Christ Jesus. He, in great love, came, not only to die for our sins, but to set us an example how to walk through this valley of the shadow of death, fearing no evil. O Lord, grant that we may study His life, and read His character with patient and prayerful attention, and let His early answer be that of our every day, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" But, that we may be enabled to do this, we beseech Thee to open our eyes to learn the work which Thou hast appointed that we should do. Shew unto us the requirements of Thy law in its fulness; set before us the purity which it requires in the inward parts; and give to us that faith, without which all our doings must be sin. Enable us to understand, that it is no light, no easily performed task; no work of merely to-day, or of one year, but beginning and ending with our lives. As our blessed Lord, in early youth, was found in the temple, so must our early days be dedicated to Thee; and as His last words were a prayer, acknowledging Thy sovereignty, and power, so must we devote our closing years to Thy service, if we would be Thine through all eternity. Let Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, help us ever and for Jesu's sake accept this and all our prayers. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who hast appointed different degrees and orders of men, and hast placed some in, as Thou hast others, to be under, authority, give us grace to remember that the powers that be are of Thine ordinance, that it is Thou who raisest up one, and puttest down another, and that by Thee only kings reign. Impress us with the sacred truth, that we must honor our father and mother, who have their authority from Thee, and who are not to spare, but punish, as they love the children whom Thou hast entrusted to them. Our spirits by nature are perverse; we are obstinate, self-willed; we seek to be masters, and will not serve. Oh, how often is rebellion against those who are set over us, active in our hearts, if not ruling our conduct; how frequently do we abuse them with our tongues, if our limited power can go no further. And yet, O Lord, Thou hast given us to be under authority that we may learn to obey Thee; Thou hast made us to be in subjection that we might bear Thy yoke. Pardon our forgetfulness of Thy law, which we have so often broken, and give us grace and strength to keep it more closely for the time to come. Teach all who name the name of Christ, to honor father and mother, to honor and obey their sovereign and all in authority, that Thy blessing may attend us; that our nation may prosper; that peace may abound; and love increase. And give to us, of this household, faithful obedient spirits, that each doing his duty in the state of life in which it hath pleased Thee to place him, we may prosper in our day and generation for the love of Thy dear Son. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, the Creator of all, and who didst make man in Thine own image, and hedge in his life by a holy and universal commandment, so impress upon us the value of life, Thy gift, that we may exercise ourselves to preserve it, that we may use every means in our power to relieve the necessities and supply the wants of others, so that we may be the happy instruments in Thy hands of prolonging the life which Thou hast given for good. How often might we, O Lord, if moved by that spirit of Love which ever actuated our divine Master, Jesus Christ, thus promote Thy glory; but we care too little for Thy gifts, because we will not seek Thy graces, that heavenly and divine influence which only can keep us from error, and direct us into the paths of Thy commandments. Remove from us all malignant, and evil dispositions, feelings, and thoughts; all envy, hatred, malice, and uncharitableness. Subdue within us that spirit of pride which feeds revenge, and leads us into sin against Thee. Shew to us how small a thing may lead to sins of the deepest dye; how even a thoughtless word may promote wrath and lead to ruin. And do Thou enable us to speak with mildness and gentleness to all. To rebuke when correction is needed, with kindness, and to receive correction, with patient forbearance. And teach us all that love, which is the characteristic of our blessed Lord's disciples, that we may seek each other's benefit in all things; may endeavour to promote good will and so advance Thy kingdom. Grant these things, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O HOLY Lord God, who abhorrest sin, and wilt punish the sinner. Thou, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and wilt not excuse the guilty, look upon us, who come into Thy presence to acknowledge our sinfulness, and to ask for pardon and peace, and grant us such things as may be convenient for us. We pray Thee, not only for ourselves, but for others ; for our country, that a blessing may rest upon it. Put away the uncleanness which abounds, the pollution which cleaves to us. Shew our immorality to us in its true colors ; and startle the voluptuary from his sensual dream of pleasure to the awful reality of justice and judgment to come. Convince every one, O Lord, of the necessity under which we lie, by our profession as Christians, by our hopes of heaven, and our desire for good things, whether temporal or spiritual, to put away from us every impure thought, to cease from every indecent expression, and to abstain from every act which shall couple us with the abominable and unclean. O Lord, we regard these things as light matters; the parent excuses the child; or the child disregards the parent ; the blush of shame is almost unknown, and virtue is become a bye-word. And yet, O Lord, wilt Thou not visit for these things, wilt Thou not be avenged on a nation like this. Oh, let Thy mercy yet spare us a little while; let Thy spirit yet strive longer ; and most holy Saviour, plead yet more earnestly for us ; and Thou holy triune Deity save us from the wrath to come. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, our reconciled Father in Christ Jesus; our Creator and Governor, and yet our Friend. Enable us, we pray Thee, to understand Thy great love towards us, and to shew our sense of it, and of its value, by a constant and strict obedience to Thy commandments. Shew them to us as a law which we must obey, or die. Open our understandings, that we may apprehend all their requirements; that we may study them with deep attention, and with prayer. Keep us, O Lord, in the spirit of that law which says, "Thou shalt not steal," from all desire to deprive our neighbor of his possessions by might, or cunning. Preserve us from the sin of taking advantage of his ignorance, to promote our own gains; from fraud, or any act which may break the commandment bound upon us by Thy word. Oh, make us very watchful that we go not beyond, nor defraud in any matter; and make us to remember that a false balance is an abomination with Thee. Let not the love of gain, so natural to man; the desire for wealth, or honors, or possessions, which flatter his pride, blind us to the truths of Thy word. We are too apt to persuade ourselves that our aim is honest, our work just, our motive pure, if our desire is great for the accomplishment of that at which we aim. But Thou knowest the secrets of all hearts, and readest in them, too often, a motive which man will not allow. We beseech Thee to give us honest, upright hearts, looking not for the reward of our own cunning, but of Thy bounty through Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O MOST holy Lord, our God and King, Thou art high over all; Thy hand directs all things, and Thy superintending Providence keeps all nature in its place, and gives to all its harmony and power. It is only man, whom Thou hast endued with Thy most excellent gifts, who, of all Thy works, opposes Thy designs, and thwarts his Maker's will. It is man only, despite Thy warnings, Thy promises, and care, who refuses to obey. Thou mayest speak in the thunderings of Thy wrath, but he will not heed; Thou mayest appeal, by gentle proofs of love and kindness, but he will not hear; and Thou mayest point to a crucified Redeemer as his example and his strength, but he will none of Thy counsels; he values not a Saviour's life or work. He will but turn to himself, and obeying the deceitful dictates of his own heart, think only how he may promote his own interests. Yea, he will sacrifice neighbor and friend, to save himself, though his Saviour died to redeem him. Save us, O Lord, from such iniquity; let not our mouths bear false witness, or our tongue utter even a surmise which does not carry with it the clear stamp of truth. Rather teach us to speak not of our neighbor; to meddle not with him, than do aught to his hinderance. Implant in us of Thy love a full supply; water and nourish it, O Lord, that it may grow and increase, till we love our neighbor as ourselves; until we keep before us our Lord's example, that we may do good in our day and generation, and glorify Thee our God in all things, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who, in mercy, hast surrounded us with good things ; who hast given to us the rich gifts of life to partake in freely, and to enjoy, implant in us such a sense of Thy mercy and goodness, that we may receive the gifts, and bless the Giver. Yea, Lord, let us not be unmindful, as each springs up before us, whence they come, and of whom they are. And make us to be therewith content. Let us not covet the possessions of our neighbour ; let us not cast a lustful desire upon that which it hath pleased Thee to deny to us, because it was good for another. Be it house, or wife, or land, or anything that is his, oh, keep us from every impure thought, from every unholy desire, every forbidden wish. Thy word is plain, Thy law is clear, Thy commandment is very broad ; and Thou hast said to man "Thou shalt not covet." Yet, Lord, our eyes are continually set upon things which are not our own ; our hearts long for goods, which are another's, and we vainly think that Thou art unequal in Thy distribution to the sons of men. Let pardon follow our transgressions past, and grace go before us for the time to come. Give us the humble, lowly spirit which was in Christ Jesus, who knew that real wealth is not of this world ; that poverty is no disgrace ; nor want, except it be of saving faith, a sin. And purify us from every evil affection and desire, that we may not covet, nor desire other men's goods, but learn and labor truly to get our own living and to follow the footsteps of our Saviour Jesus Christ, for whose sake we beseech Thee to hear us. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, merciful and gracious, Thou, who hast never refused to hear the petitions offered to Thee in faith, in the name of Thy dear Son ; we now plead that name before Thee, and we know that Thine ear is open unto us. Oh, establish our faith that we may bless Thee. Confirm our weak hands, and give us strength ; not only to withstand temptations, but to work Thy work, and to do Thy will. Preserve us from idleness, and sloth. Make us to remember that every man living has his appointed work to do, and to labor diligently in his calling. Oh, how much time we waste, how much misemploy. How many things we do, which Thy law does not sanction, and Thou canst not approve. And yet, O Lord, how seldom do we bring these things in solemn confession unto Thee ; how seldom we ask Thy pardon, and seek peace and reconciliation. It is because we know Thee not. We hear of Thee with the hearing of the ear ; but we desire not to commune with Thee ; we ask not the blessed privilege to enter into Thy presence. We dare not approach Thee ; and we endeavour to persuade ourselves that all is right, and we are safe. But, we know it is not thus ; we cannot lie down on our beds, and harbor the thought that a morrow's sun may never beam upon our eyes, and feel at rest ; because we are not strong in Thee and in power of Thy might ; we have not sought an interest in the blood of Jesus ; we have not felt the sanctifying influence of the Holy Ghost. O God, be merciful unto us ; put away our sin, and keep us for the time to come, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Thou only and eternal God, we would bow to Thee in all humility, as our Prophet, Priest, and King ; we would adore, and worship Thee in Thy three-fold office. Oh, subdue in us everything which may interfere with such worship as will be accepted by Thee ; and fit and prepare us for a continued acknowledgment of Thy power now and to our lives' end. Give us grace to learn from Thee, as our Prophet, such things as are necessary for us ; endue us with patience to hear, and determination to obey Thy holy precepts ; and to regard Thee as our one Instructor, who can bring life and immortality to light in us. Thou hast offered Thyself for us, our only Priest, to whose sacrifice we look, that we may be thereby perfected. Oh, grant that we look to none other ; that we seek no other atonement but that which Thou didst make upon the cross, for our redemption ; and purify us in Thy great office, by the blood of atonement. As our King, rule, we pray Thee, in our hearts ; subdue in us all evil desires, affections, and lusts ; break down that barrier of pride which hinders Thy entrance, and remove from us every vain imagination, which prompts us to be as gods. Shew us the joy of Thy rule ; the comfort of Thy sovereignty ; give to us such perfect obedience, that we may walk before Thee in the land of the living, without fear of evil, and ready to hear Thy summons which shall call us as subjects of Thy heavenly kingdom. And accept our grateful, though feeble homage, we pray Thee, O blessed Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, who art very gracious unto all creatures ; who regardest not station or condition shew favor, but rememberest only that Thou created and redeemed them all, we would now unto Thee on behalf especially of the poor and in our land. They are, we know, of Thy part ordinance, and they have Thy work to do, Thine to obey, equally with the rich, and the mighty. Lord, their temptations are many, and, as with ourselves, so is their flesh weak. Be merciful unto them and give them that strength which they so much need the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Open their eyes to see Thee as Thou art, a God who hearest prayer ; then open their mouths also, that they may offer unto Thee the offering of obedient hearts. Teach them that their reward is not here ; is not of time, but of eternity. Shew them a Saviour, who died to redeem them, lowly, and poor, and miserable, and out of the way, as they may be amongst their fellow-men the power of sin, for unto them was the Gospel preached. Shew them that Saviour, lowly born, cradled in a manger, and passing His life without the comfort of life, for the Son of man had not where to lay his head and make them to know that, though poor and despised, buffeted and reviled, He was without sin. And let Thy Holy Spirit strive within them, that they may endeavor to walk in His footsteps, to study His life, to follow His example and, in all things, to be like Him. Lord, for His sake we ask ; so be it with us and our people now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou wilt not hear the prayer of him whose heart is turned to wickedness; Thou wilt not receive the hypocrite who approaches Thee in the attitude of prayer, but with words only; and yet how often have we kneeled in Thy presence unprepared to make Thee any acceptable offering. We have come without self-examination; without serious thought. We have come as if we had only to bend the knee, or bow the head, or repeat a set form, and all was peace. And the evil one has deluded us; he has persuaded us to speak to ourselves peace, when a lie was in our right hand, and Thy wrath was kindled against us. But, Lord, Thou art merciful, and long-suffering, and, therefore, we hope for pardon, and we ask for peace. Let Thy mercy in Christ Jesus blot out our sins hitherto; let Thy love for Him extend to us, that we may turn and repent, and walk in newness of life before Thee. Give us new hearts; new affections; new desires. Shew us the evil of our former state; the iniquity which has tainted our best offerings, and lead us to the blood of sprinkling, that we may have our consciences purged from dead works; that we may henceforth do all things to Thy honor and glory, and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And so bless and keep us, that each of us may be able to exclaim with the Psalmist, "God hath heard me, and considered the voice of my prayer. Praised be God, who has not cast out my prayer, nor turned His mercy from me." In mercy grant this O Lord, for our Saviour's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast declared Thyself to man in hourly mercies, and who shewest them to us in our preservation from danger and from death; Thou who, from day to day, thus speakest to Thy creatures, in a voice of tenderness and love, to come unto Thee for rest and comfort, open our hearts to hear the gentle invitation, and give us strength now, whilst we have time and opportunity, to flee to Thee, that we may be safe. Dangers surround on every side, and we often walk, as it were, on the edge of a precipice; we seem to be placed on a tottering wall, yet Thy mercy spares us. The storm passes by, and we are unhurt; the tempest rages, and we escape its fury; pestilence is abroad, but comes not nigh our dwelling, and death takes from our daily walk the young and the old, but we still live on, we are still left to do our appointed work in the arrangements of Thy Providence. Make us, we pray Thee, profitable servants; enable us to do Thy work as Thy redeemed children; grant us to shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives; and let our chief end and aim be to promote Thy glory and kingdom; to shew to others such mercy as Thou hast shewed us, by endeavouring to open the eyes of the blind to see Thee in Thy fulness, and to startle the ears of the deaf, by the sound of Thy word, that so we may walk in the steps, and imitate the example of our blessed Lord and be made meet partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. O grant this for Jesu's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

WITH the close of another week, O Lord, we come again into Thy presence, to offer our thanksgivings for renewed mercies, and to ask the continuance of them for the time to come. It is our privilege thus to meet ; a privilege we do not value as we ought, of which we do not make the use we might. Day after day it has been ours, and it were well to ask ourselves, if we have looked to each coming hour of prayer with desire, as to a benefit : as to an approach into Thy presence, a means whereby we may be blest. Oh, pardon us that we have not done this ; that we have fallen far short of such duty, and closed our eyes even to a bright light, which would illumine our path, and shew us whither we should go, if we would only walk by it. And, ere another Sabbath dawn upon us, grant that we may recall our thoughts, sayings, and doings during the now closing week ; may we see them as they appear in Thine eye, and by Thy holy law, and so repent of our short-comings, our sins of omission, and commission, our want of earnestness in things which belong to our peace. So shall we be better fitted to enter into Thy courts on the morrow, to join Thy assembled people in the public worship of Thy house, and to pray to Thee in sincerity and truth ; so shall we be prepared to receive the word of exhortation, and to profit by it. Oh, enable us hereto for Jesus Christ's sake, and give us Thy blessing, and further hear us in His own most perfect form of prayer :—Our Father.

MORNING.

O LORD God, Thou lover of peace, and who hast created all things in harmony with each other, we beseech Thee to regard Thy creatures, for whom our blessed Lord died upon the cross, and to pour upon them the spirit of peace and concord. O Lord, we are too much given to strife and dissension, because pride reigns in us ; we love ourselves, and therefore, we envy others ; we long for power, and therefore, we strive against our neighbour, and instead of peace, we give ourselves to war. Yea, Lord, though we profess to be Christians ; though we have been admitted, by baptism, into Thy church, and call ourselves Thy disciples, yet we walk not as our Saviour walked, we do not seek peace, and ensue it ; we do not endeavour, as much as lieth in us, to live peaceably with all men. Let Thy Spirit teach us better things ; may He set before us our contradiction, as we name the name of Christ and yet yield to our lusts, avenging ourselves, when we should rather give place unto wrath, and leave vengeance to Thee to repay. May He shew us the peaceable walk of Him, who, when provoked, answered not, who when reviled, reviled not again ; and may set that blessed example of peace and good will before us in all its beauty and perfectness, that we may promote peace as Thy will. And bless all of our household with the spirit of peace, that we may learn to bear and forbear, to be kindly affectionate one to another in brotherly love, even as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us that we may all be one, and Thou, our God, are one, for His sake. Amen

EVENING.

ERE another Sabbath close, O Lord, we would again approach Thee, to utter together our petitions, and to claim Thy promise to be in the midst of us. We would again make our confessions, and add to those already uttered, an acknowledgment of our short-comings this day. Mercy and love have combined to bring us unto Thee, but Satan and our fleshly lusts have held us back, for even our best services have been tainted with sin. And now, Lord, what have we learned from Thy minister who has spoken to us, from Thy word read in our ear. What have we laid to heart; how have we received the gracious invitations to come buy and eat, without money, and without price. Have we heard it with joy and gladness; have we rejoiced in it as a thirsty soul who hears the welcome cry of water, as he journeys through the desert. O Lord, Thou knowest, and to Thee only is our secret known. If it has come as an idle breeze, unheeded, oh, let not our eyes close in sleep, ere we turn to Thee in penitence and with prayer, lest it should be repeated no more; lest Thy Spirit should strive no longer with us, lest we be cut off in our sin, our obstinate refusal to have that mercy which has been so freely offered. Satisfy us, O Lord, now; now, whilst the day of salvation is ours, give us the water of life, and Thy Spirit to enable us to drink freely, that we may each and all rejoice in Thy holy comfort, and joy in our Saviour Christ, and magnify His name in our life and conversation, for He is our Hope, our God and Mediator with Thee. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, God, who hast given a revelation of will, and commanded us to walk thereby, we beseech Thee to implant within us such a sense of its importance and our duty, that we may make it our rule of faith and guide to action, unto our lives. Turn our eyes unceasingly, and with earnest longing to Thy word; make it to be a light to our feet, a lantern to our paths; our refuge in distress, our fort in affliction, and our caution, when pleasure or prosperity shines upon us. Shew it to us, as the only guide which can lead us into the right way, and, by obedience to the plain precepts of which we can secure Thy favor and protection. O Lord, we love life, and long to see good days, we hope for health, and we strive for comforts and conveniences, because we know what is pleasant to us. But, alas! our hearts are set only on vanity; we study the world, its philosophy for good, and we fancy that our blessings must be continued. Oh, draw us, we beseech Thee, from such deceitful ways; shew us the folly of trusting to anything human; that, in doing so, we are hewing out to ourselves broken cisterns, which hold no water; and then direct us to the word of truth, that well spring of living water, which can never dry, whose flowing is for eternity. Spread the knowledge of Thy word, more widely amongst us; let our hearts be fed by its truths; our aged dwell on its conditions; and all, whether young or old, flee to it in this hour, for instruction, in full assurance and faith. grant these things, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, who hast called us unto Thy eternal glory in Christ Jesus, enable us by Thy Spirit to understand, so that we may value, this Thy precious work. We labour much to find out our worldly interests, to learn how we may occupy ourselves, and obtain to ourselves the comforts of life; but, with a holy calling before us; with promises sure, and riches boundless, we cannot give ourselves to make them sure. Because unseen, they are undervalued, for the worldly man walks by sight; and he cannot receive the truths of Thy word, because they are spiritually discerned. Teach us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, better wisdom; that wisdom which is from above; from Thee the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning. And, as Thou art unchangeable in Thy love to us, waiting to be gracious, even when we refuse to answer Thy bidding, so let Thy wisdom teach us to turn, and cleave to Thee with unreleasing firmness, that neither pleasure nor profit, sorrow nor loss may affect us. And, O Lord, make us to remember this great and awful truth, that nothing but our sins can hide Thy face from us; that, when we see not the light of Thy countenance, when our hearts are cast down, and our Spirits are depressed, because Thy comfort is withdrawn, we may examine ourselves wherein we have offended, and then turn to Thee, as we now do, in penitence, and with prayer, for pardon, peace, and deliverance, through our Mediator Jesus Christ; and, through faith in Him, have an abundant answer to our prayer. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS and glorious Lord Jehovah, let all the world praise Thee, and magnify Thy name. Let multitudes here on earth proclaim Thy goodness day by day, and tell forth Thy loving mercy and truth as each night returns. Let all Thy worshiping people, with each rising and setting sun, tell of Thy wonders, and go forth in Thy strength to proclaim them among the nations of the earth. Yea, let Thy name be daily more known, Thy glory more promoted, Thine honor more acknowledged; and let each one of us, O Lord, be an instrument in Thine hands, thus to advance Thy kingdom, and to do Thy bidding. This night, we would magnify Thy name for renewed mercies; mercies undeserved, unasked, yet granted in love and pity; for we have been preserved from danger; we have been fed with food convenient for us; our friends have been left to us; and we are again privileged to meet in Thy dear Son's name; we are permitted once more to come into Thy presence with humble supplication for pardon and peace. O Lord, forgive all our yet unforgiven transgressions; blot out all our sins; and make our repentance sincere. Teach us to confess our sins one to another, that we may pray for each other; and, oh, make us so earnest for Thy glory, that we may assist all within our reach to walk as Thy servants, the redeemed of our common Saviour, the sanctified of the Holy Spirit. Let not the evil one, by any device or cunning, close our lips, but open them, O Lord, that they may glorify Thee, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who didst instruct Thy holy Apostle to enjoin on his fellow-laborer in Thy vineyard, to "affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God, be careful to maintain good works," we pray Thee, not to allow the solemn affirmation to be heard by us unheeded. Seal its truth upon our hearts, and set our consciences on watch that we may be led to obey it both in its spirit and to its letter. We have, through Thy mercy and grace, been taught to believe that Thou art, and that Thou art also the rewarder of them that trust in Thee, but we have not shewn our trust, when we needed assistance. Our recollection of the acts of our past lives, and of this day also, tells us, that we have done much in utter neglect of Thee, and without reference to Thy glory; that our best deeds have thus been only dead works, unfruitful, unprofitable doings. And yet, Lord, by our works are we to be judged. Oh, let Thy Holy Spirit bring this solemn truth home to us now, whilst we are met to offer united prayers for each other; whilst we are assembled in Thy dear Son's name, speak to the consciences of us all with power. Thou canst raise the dead in trespasses and sins; Thou canst revive the slumbering ones, and strengthen the feeble limbs. For Jesu's sake, go forth with us from this time, to sanctify all our doings; to put into our hearts good desires; to keep alive in us the love of Thy holy name, that, having believed in Thee, we may be careful to maintain good works, to Thy honor and glory, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who, from the beginning, hast visited and blessed Thy chosen as sheep, and brought them into rich pastures, where plenty abounded, so look upon us, who are Thy people by profession, and Thy choice, for the word of salvation has been preached unto us. Make us, O Lord, to rejoice in that great and glorious message; to ponder over it with hearts full of love and gratitude; and to speak of it in words of deep adoration and holy praise. Let it be the subject of our rising thoughts, and our evening's meditations; let it occupy our minds as we go forth in the noon-day, and be our chiefest rejoicing; for it is an everlasting salvation, and Jesus is our surety. This day, let us enter into our engagements, and perform our duties, not merely because we are working for man, or seeking a livelihood, or earning our wages, but, because we are called by the name of Christ, and would declare our profession, by obeying His law, doing all things to Thy honor and glory. Then, O Lord, may we expect our handiwork to prosper; then may we hope to have a blessing on our labor; then to rejoice with quiet minds, and approving consciences. And permit us to meet together at th day's close to offer up fresh petitions, to do Thee fres service, and to unite in spirit in the words we sha then utter to Thee, our Lord and God. So shall know that Thy service is easy; so shall we find j and peace in believing. Bless us, O Lord, with T help and favor, and keep us ever Thine, for Je Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, who art the common Father of all Thy creatures, and the especial protector of those who cannot help themselves, we beseech Thee to look with an eye of favor on the young in our land. Let Thy blessing rest upon them, and stretch forth Thine arm to shelter and defend them. Do Thou, in mercy, lead them into the way of salvation; raise up for them teachers, who shall take of the things which belong unto our peace, and shew to them their value and importance. Turn the hearts of all parents unto Thee, that they may not only offer the continual fervent prayer on behalf of their offspring, but may also further those means which are afforded for the training of their children in the nurture and admonition of Thee. Give to them, and to all who labour to teach the young, such faith in Thy promises, that they may work as for Thee, and in Thy dear Son's name, leaving the issue in Thy hands. And do Thou bless every one, who in that name, endeavors to bring little children unto their common Saviour. Pour upon them the dew of Thy blessing; teach them, that they may be enabled to teach others; uphold them, by Thy good providence, that they may set to their scholars an example of godliness; and prosper Thou their work and labor of love. Increase their number tenfold; and their zeal according to the demands made upon them: and, oh, unite them in one holy bond of peace and love, that they may all serve Thee in spirit and in truth, and at the last receive the reward of faithful servants, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, everlasting and true, Thy glory reacheth unto the heavens, Thy power embraceth all things; Thou ridest upon the whirlwind, and directest the storm; Thou biddest Thy forked messenger to do its appointed work, and the loud thunder telleth of Thee; yet Thou restrainest them all, and keepest them within bounds, else were our land desolate, and destruction were amongst us. Oh, that we could learn, therefore, to praise Thee for Thy goodness, and declare Thy wonders among the children of men. That we could shew forth in our lives a due sense of Thy merciful forbearance towards us, and walk worthy our vocation in Christ Jesus. Oh, that we could learn to fill our several offices, and perform our various duties with fidelity and zeal, as Thy creatures, bound to Thee by a tie beyond all human ties, powerful for good where felt, but, where resisted, overpowering for evil. Enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit to see this awful truth in all its fulness; in the storm to read of Thy majesty and tremble lest we awaken Thy wrath; in the calm to see Thy beauty, and to seek Thee with all our heart, to look to Thee with the tenderest love, and bow before Thee with humble adoration. So shall we learn to know Thee better; to find Thee as an ever-present Saviour, and to cleave to Thee with all the ardor of our obstinate and perverse nature, but influenced by Thy grace and guiding Spirit that shall, never fall away, but stand at the last as the redeemed of Christ, praising His mercy, as we would now do. For His sake hear us, O God. A

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Giver of all good things, the fountain of life, the source of health, and every blessing which we enjoy, give us, we pray Thee, thankful hearts for all Thy mercies ; endue us with a sense of Thy great and unceasing goodness ; such a sense as shall manifest itself in lives of holy obedience unto Thee. When blessed with health, oh, make us to feel it as Thy gift, and use it in Thy service, for the promotion of Thy glory, and the good of our fellows ; that, as our Saviour went about His Father's business, we may be also engaged in like manner, doing things pleasing in Thy sight and acceptable unto Thee. When visited with sickness, let our spirits be chastened by a holy fear, lest our sins should bring down a severer judgment in its continuance ; and open Thou our mouths, in the hour of suffering to say, in the spirit and words of our blessed Lord, "Thy will be done," and to bow in meek submission to Thy chastening rod, knowing it to be a proof of the fatherly love and care, for Thine erring children. In whatsoever state we are, O Lord, make us to be therewith content ; shewing forth our faith by practise ; eschewing evil, learning to do well, and for all this, ever seeking the Holy Spirit's aid, to guide, direct, and comfort, to lead us unto Thee by the living way, even by Christ, in whose merits we rest for our salvation and whose name we plead as our prevailing intercession, in this and all our petitions to the throne of grace. Amen.

MORNING.

GRACIOUS Lord and Saviour, Thou hast dealt very mercifully with us, and we have not thanked Thee; Thou hast preserved us, and we have forgotten to praise Thee; oh, pardon our ingratitude, our blindness, and our sin. Continue Thy goodness to us, we beseech Thee, and give us thankful hearts. Inspire us with a due sense of Thy bounty towards us; and open Thou our lips that we may tell of Thy wonders, and proclaim Thy grace. Look upon us, as a household desirous to serve Thee; keep us, whenever we meet together in Thy name, from evil, vain, or wandering thoughts; shut out from us the world, its allurements and pleasures, which are vanity, make us to worship Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, in spirit and in truth; in humble sincerity and hearty zeal. May we learn to know the value and importance of prayer; that it is Thine ordinance, the only means by which fallen and sinful man can find access to his God, and pour out his wants and wishes, and have a blessing. May we value it as a most inestimable benefit, not looking upon such service as a hard duty, a task which Thou requirest; and may we all enter into our closets frequently, and there, in private, make our requests known unto Thee, for Thou art a God that hearest prayer. Hear then, O Lord, and answer; bless us with prayerful spirits, and encompass us with strength as with a shield, that we may stand bold in Thee, and with the power of prayer have strength which the world cannot overcome, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, to know whom is eternal life, give us, we beseech Thee, that saving knowledge. Endue us with Thy Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to read the word of life with profit; study it with patience and diligence; not as a mere fable, cunningly devised of men, but as a record and revelation, by which we may be perfected in every good word and work, and made wise unto salvation. We must own that we have often heard the lines of that sacred volume read, when we have given no more heed to it than a passing moment's attention; we have listened to its threatenings, and gone away to revel in the very iniquity, to be partaker of the very sin, against which judgement was denounced. We have sat under its teaching without being taught; and are we now prepared to make a change in our lives and practise. O Lord, Thou knowest our hearts, and seest that we cannot do this of ourselves, but Thy word points to the Lamb slain for us, and whose grace is sufficient to accomplish all we need, for with God nothing is impossible; for Jesu's sake, be merciful unto us; now, even now, open our blind eyes, unstop our deaf ears; touch our stony hearts, and make us to learn Thy law, and to do it with cheerfulness and alacrity; to find our delight in it, because it *is* Thy law. Yea, Lord, grant this now, whilst the day is ours, and life is ours, and salvation is within our reach, lest we be cut off in our rebellion and die; O Christ plead for us with Thy Father, we pray Thee, and save us. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in Him of all men, hear our supplications and prayers which we now offer in His name, and from an abiding faith in the efficacy of His atonement. Bless us during this day; set Thine angels to watch over us, and to keep us, that no evil come nigh to hurt us; that we may be preserved from all perils against both body and soul; that no storm injure, no sin assail us, for we are very weak in the hour of temptation. Though warnings be often spoken, and though we know that the crooked paths of sin lead to destruction both of body and soul, yet we perversely walk therein; we follow our own devices, and the multitude to do evil. Oh, preserve us; especially during this day, in which our thoughts ought often to be on Thee, our aspirations to Thee, that we may be prepared to go into Thine house on the morrow, to worship Thee with a renewed heart and contrite spirit; to obey Thy call, and to give our hearts to Thee, the only gift Thou askest in return for the many Thou hast so graciously showered upon us, the only sacrifice Thou demandest as an acknowledgment of the one great sacrifice which purchased us unto Thee, which wrought our redemption, that we might be a peculiar people, given to good works, devoted to Thy service, finding our joy from Thee, and in all things, learning to do Thy will, and so attain Thy promises in Christ. Oh, hear us for His sake, and answer, we humbly pray Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, who overrulest all things for good to Thy creatures, make us so sensible of this that we may see Thy hand in every event, guiding, and directing it for some great end: that we may learn Thy power, and bow in humble submission, and holy fear, at the footstool of Thy majesty. Make us to look, with diligent caution, ere we presume to act in any matter, lest we may do that which is not pleasing in Thy sight. And this might give us, we pray Thee, hearts intent upon the morrow; may we meditate upon its privileges and duties; may we remember it is Thy day; set apart by Thee for holy thoughts, holy doings; for the assembling together of Thy people in Thine own house, that they may worship Thee according to Thine own appointment, and, seeking Thy favor, receive a blessing. As we retire to rest, bow Thou our hearts with our knees; yea, Lord, in the privacy of our chambers, lead us to seek Thy sheltering aid, to ask of Thee those things which shall tend most to our spiritual good. And, because we know that thousands will desecrate Thy holy day, we would more earnestly entreat Thee again, to bless us on its return; to guard and guide us, that we stray not from Thine house; nor, when entered into it, allow our thoughts to wander; for we would seek Thee, that we may have peace, that peace which the world can neither given nor take away. Grant these our petitions, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, who hast ordained powers and authorities; by whom kings reign, and who raisest up one, and putttest down another, we beseech Thee to seal upon our minds and hearts these great truths. Convince us, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit, for man cannot do the work, that Thou, and Thou only, art King of kings, and Lord of lords. Subdue in us every unruly thought, and desire, which might lead us to rebel against Thine appointed ministers; and shew us the holy obedience, and subjection to authority, in which our blessed Lord walked among men. If reason fail, let His heavenly example convince us, that we must be subject unto the higher powers, and that, in resisting the power, we are resisting Thine ordinance, O God. We are by nature prone to rebel; from our earliest days, we have resisted, and disobeyed those whom Thou hast set over us, for pride reigns in our mortal bodies; and we desire often, when we dare not indulge it, to resist. Oh, do Thou mercifully pardon, and strengthen us; do Thou look upon our weakness, and, for Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us our iniquity. Convince us of our proneness thus to offend against Thee, and make us to be especially watchful over our every thought, lest we trifle with the suggestion, and commit the sin; lest our spirits rise, and we be led to resist, and so receive to ourselves damnation. O Lord, let Thy dear Son's name be our plea; His merits stand in our stead; and hear us for His sake, for He is our Redeemer and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we bow before Thee, as humble and penitent sinners ; oh, increase our faith, and improve our practise. We must own that our faith is very weak ; this day bears sad witness to the fact, for much of our service this day has been a lifeless offering, a mockery of Thee. Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that our thoughts have wandered ; that, when kneeling, in Thine own house, and in Thy presence, we have indulged vain imaginings, and that Thy worship has been a burden unto us. Our spirits have slumbered, even whilst our blessed Lord was by to fulfil His promise, for in His name Thy professing worshipers met us in the House of prayer. Oh, pardon us, and all who so forget Thee, the place, and their duty, and supply us with strength for the time to come, that we offend not so again. Let not indifference creep upon us, as to our thoughts, when met in Thy dear Son's name, lest such iniquity be our ruin, but preserve us by Thy power, and in Thy great mercy. And those truths which we did hear, we beseech Thee to seal upon our hearts, and enable us to exemplify them in our lives. Rule us, and guide us, as if every day were a holy day ; for every day is Thine, and our lives should be dedicated to Thee in all. And when, O Lord, we go hence, let us fall down, in our chambers to pour out our hearts unto Thee in secret, and then let us lie down to sleep with the assurance of pardon and peace ; and partake of quiet rest, through Thy mercy and goodness, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the world. Though men praise Thee not, yet Thou continuest holy ; though they acknowledge Thee not, yet Thou art still their God, keeping their life from destruction, and showering Thy benefits upon them. Man goeth forth in his own strength ; we follow our own devices ; we love the pleasures of time, and cleave to the creatures of this world. Yet they are all from Thee, though we see not Thine hand in them, nor Thy providence preserving them in mercy for our use. This day, O God, brings us again into the busy scenes, and among the active duties of life. After a short season of holy rest, we are again called to worldly engagements. Oh, give us all grace, that we may ask ourselves, as we now prepare for them, in whom is our trust, in what is our confidence, to preserve us from the snares, and temptations of life, and to enable us to perform the several duties of our respective situations. We know that we cannot do these things of ourselves ; we have often failed, hitherto, even when we were most desirous to succeed ; and, when we were most secure, and felt ourselves standing, then, O Lord, we have too often fallen. Oh, enable us to search and try our hearts, not carelessly, and as an unimportant work, but as before Thee, the Searcher of hearts, and by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may know ourselves, and so by Thy grace, be enabled for the time to come to stand firm, and tried disciples of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

THOU, O God, hast again allowed us to meet together in thy dear Son's name, enable us to value the privilege as we ought, and to use it for our souls' comfort. With our confessions, give us sincerity, for we must own we have not spent the day in conformity with our Christian profession. Though our thoughts may have sometimes turned to Thee; though a prayer may have passed our lips, and Thou, O God, knowest if we have so far acknowledged Thee, during any of the moments of the now closing day, yet we would own, our service is far beneath our privileges, and Thy requirements, and that we need Thy pardoning grace for our short-comings. In mercy, grant to us such a measure of it, that our sins may be blotted out. But we would ask Thee to teach us, by our experience in the past of our lives, how needful it is to bear ever in mind our blessed Lord's injunction, and to "watch," for sin comes unawares, and our enemy is ever ready to take us captive. Temptations approach in flattering forms, and evil lurks under bright colours; fancy is led away, and we often fall, when we do not even dream of danger. Let the solemn truth not be lost upon us, that dangers surround, and that we are never safe but under the shadow of Thy wings, a shadow which falls only on those who come under them for shelter and safety. Oh, draw us, by the cords of Thy love, to them, that we may be secure; protect each one of us in his hour of need; when temptation comes strengthen him; and give to each and all Thy blessing, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, and who wilt fulfil Thy promise, though it be delayed, give us that patience, which is of faith, to wait Thy time, and not to be faint or weary in Thy service. Convince us, O Lord, that Thou art not slack concerning Thy promise, as some men count slackness; for no indifference, or forgetfulness can make Thee delay, but only the good of Thy creatures, to promote which is Thy every desire. O Lord, we too often act as if we did not believe this; we are too often led to reason within ourselves, why have we not more strength to resist temptation, more power to withstand sin; and then we would accuse Thee as slack concerning Thy promise. We seek for temporal blessings, and they are denied, and again we are led to doubt Thy faithfulness and truth. Our hearts are tempted to rebel, and our spirits to rise, until we almost deny the Lord that bought us. O God, deal with us in mercy, and let Thy Spirit convince us of the great and solemn truths of Thy word; and so rule our hearts that we may receive them as our law. And do Thou so strengthen us that, the longer Thy mercies are delayed, the longer our prayers remain unanswered, and our wants are unsatisfied, the more earnest we may be in prayer, the more determined we may set ourselves to secure Thy blessing; so that, at Thy summons, we may be found in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God. Grant this, in mercy and love, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, the fountain of all goodness, the source of health, and of all the blessings and comforts which man enjoys in this life, we would ask Thee in this our evening prayer, to look with an eye of pity and compassion on the sick, the afflicted, and distressed, where-soever they may be, of our fellow-creatures. Alleviate all the sufferings of body or mind under which they labour; remove from the afflicted their causes of distress; and heal the sick, who groan under Thy heavy visitation. Look upon the captive, and ease his mental anguish, as he weeps for his liberty, and the home and friends of his heart. But, above all things, sanctify to each and all their afflictions. Open their eyes to see them as Thy work, for their good; as Thy doings to bring them nearer to Thee. Yea, Lord, give them the spirit of holy David to say, it is good, because they have thereby learned Thy ways. And, O Lord, defend us, we beseech Thee, from such visitations; let Thy hand fall lightly upon us, and preserve to us the blessing of health, and the many comforts we now enjoy. Make us truly thankful for them; not following the evil inclination of the natural heart, by repining that they are not, as others have, more, or greater, but day by day, rejoicing more and more that they are not, as with so many of our fellow-creatures, fewer. We own in sincerity, that we have not deserved them, that we receive them not as an acknowledgment from Thee of our merit or deservings, but solely of Thy mercy and compassion. Let them yet be ours, for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, before whom we now kneel, in the name of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, we beseech Thee so to enable us to realise Thy presence amongst us, that we may not dare to indulge a wandering thought, nor give way to one vain imagination. Shew to us the nature of the worship which Thou requirest; the character of the offering which we must bring, even spiritual desires, heavenly hopes, and unwavering faith. Teach us to come before Thee as humble, contrite sinners, who need all, and have nothing to give, which can merit Thy favor, or secure Thy acceptance. O Lord, do Thou, who only canst do it, so instruct us, by Thy Spirit, that we may be now and ever true worshipers of Thee, and sincere disciples of our blessed Lord. Shew to us this life as it is; a day of trial; of probation, in which we must win heaven, or lose Thy favor; in which by our deeds we are to declare whether we would dwell with Thee, or abandon all trust in Thy mercy; whether we would partake in Christ's salvation, or follow our own inventions, and serve Satan. And enable us to lay this awful truth to heart, that in each hour, and in each action we are either serving Thee or him; that whatever tends not to Thine honor and glory, advances his kingdom, and promotes our ruin. And yet, Lord, how many are our daily doings towards which we never ask Thine aid, or in reference to which we never name Thy name. Let our contrition be perfect; and strengthen us for the time to come, that we may be Thy accepted children, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast, in mercy, provided all Thy creatures with means of grace ; who hast given us Thy sacraments, Thine ordinances of religion, and ministers, who shall preach the faithful word, and, as the ambassadors of Jesus Christ, call on all men everywhere to repent. Thou, who hast permitted us to draw near to Thee with prayer, in our chambers, or, as now, a small household ; also means of grace vouchsafed in perfect love, and holy pity ; we beseech Thee, not only to continue them all to us, but to give us understanding hearts, that we may use them aright. Suffer us not to be satisfied, O God, with partaking in the means ; with merely receiving the sacred elements, with hearing Thy word preached, or with using forms of prayer. Suffer us not to fall into the delusion, which overtakes so many to their ruin, that outward decency of conduct, and the regular observance of stated duties, will nourish our souls, any more than to gaze only, though it be with admiration, on a feast, will satisfy our bodily wants. But teach us that, whilst we must not neglect the ordinance, we must remember that its benefits are spiritual, and only to be spiritually obtained, even by faith in Thy promises, and in the efficacy of our Intercessor's plea. Lead us, we beseech Thee, ever to all the means of grace which Thou hast so mercifully appointed, as Thine ; and enable us to partake of them with such sincerity of heart and purpose, that we may be thereby made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O HEAVENLY Father, Thou protector of all who trust in Thee, look upon the multitude of our fellow-creatures, who go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters. They see Thy works, O Lord, and Thy wonders in the deep. Turn their hearts to acknowledge Thee in every breeze that blows, as also in the still calm; to hear Thy voice, when the stormy wind ariseth, and to know that it is Thy word which lifteth up the waves thereof. And oh, turn their hearts to Thee in the full confidence of faith, that hope may take the place of fear, and prayer occupy their lips, as they are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep. Give to them that trust, which can spring only of belief; and, as our blessed Lord, by His word, stilled the raging of the waves, and bade all be calm, so make them to cry unto Thee in their trouble, since Thou canst deliver them out of their distress. O Lord, we know the power of fear over the human heart, and that doubt will gain a mastery when faith should be most active, therefore, we the more earnestly ask Thee to send Thy blessing upon those, who move where much fear is, and who may be tempted, by the greatness of danger, to mistrust Thy power and promises. Let our supplications, O Lord, be heard on their behalf. Make them glad in the manifestations of Thy greatness; and, bringing them to the haven where they would be, open their mouths to praise Thee, for Thy goodness, and to declare the wonders that Thou doest for the children of men. Oh, grant this, for Jesu's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, the days of man are few upon earth, and he has much to do ; his years are quickly passed, and yet his work is great and heavy. Still, O Lord, we waste our time, as if it had no end ; and we trifle away hours and days, as if we could replace them. We are thoughtless, and we will not be wise. Each setting sun tells of the past, for it is the close of another day ; it calls to us to reflect, and, surely, it should warn us, that the sun of our lives must have a setting. O God, allow us not to live in so dangerous an error, as to suppose that one minute wasted can ever be replaced. We may fold our hands, and close our eyelids, and muse on the past, but unless we are endeavouring to profit therefrom for the future, we are allowing our time of life to run out in vain for good, of a surety for evil. Seal then, O gracious Lord, this truth upon our hearts, that on any moment may depend our eternal state ; that, as any moment may terminate our life here, as we are using, misusing, or wasting that moment, so will our end be for happiness or misery. Thy Spirit only can teach us this ; and by Thy Spirit's aid only can we use our time so as not to abuse it. Vouchsafe, O God, that holy aid, which we so much need ; give us faith, and diligence ; and spare us a little while, ere we go hence, that we may be enabled to turn to Thee with more sincerity, to work for Thee with more zeal, and secure to ourselves the crown of glory, the purchased prize of a Saviour's blood. Oh, grant these things, for that Saviour's sake, Jesus Christ our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, who didst manifest Thy dear Son to man in the humble and lowly guise of man, and didst place Him among the poor of this world, that He might be our example ; we beseech Thee so to direct our thoughts to Him, and our minds and energies to the study of His character, that we may follow Him in all things, but especially in that most excellent and christian grace, humility. We would the more earnestly ask Thee to assist us towards the attainment of this gift, because it belongs not to man by nature ; it springs not from wordly philosophy, or of human wisdom, but is only from Thee, the Author and Giver of all good gifts. Humble us, O Lord, before Thee, that we may know our position as fallen and rebellious creatures, and may come to Thee for pardon, and peace, not trusting in our own merits, but in Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ ; and remembering that Thou hast a delight in the humble and lowly of heart. Humble us, also, before men, seeing that we have nothing but what we have received ; nothing whereof to boast, because nothing which we can call our own, or which we may not any moment lose. Humble us, further in our own sights, that we may have peace of mind ; a clear conscience ; a firm trust ; knowing that pride gives no rest, but goeth before destruction ; because opposed to Thy will and law. Oh, preserve us from pride of heart, good Lord ; preserve us from all presumption, and keep us in the humility of our Lord Jesus Christ, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, we have asked Thee in our morning service that Thou wouldst give to us that most excellent gift, humility, that we might walk humbly before Thee, before men, and in our own sight. O Lord, again we ask Thee, to vouchsafe that grace, that we may exercise our thoughts by its rule. That we may learn to think of ourselves as we are, weak and helpless, whilst here; frail in body, whose beauty fools prize; and uncertain in mind, of whose powers only fools will boast. And, oh, let us not yield up ourselves to vanity that we may seem to our fellows to be what we are not; passing off, as we are too often tempted to do, a profession for a reality, that we may gain the applause of men, forgetting that, in so doing we are sacrificing eternal rewards. Let our words, therefore, be without boasting; and let us not be tempted to seek the praise of men, but only to walk humbly with Thee our God. Above all, keep us from the sin of assuming an humility which belongs not to us. Purify us from all such actions, so unworthy the name of christian; so injurious to our profession as disciples of our blessed Lord, and such hinderers of our onward walk to heaven. Let this mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, who took upon Himself the form of a servant, and humbled Himself, even to the death upon the Cross, that He might save us from the power of Satan. And so teach us to humble ourselves in all things when we can advance Thy glory, that we may be like Him here, and reign with Him for ever hereafter, for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O THOU glorious, and ever blessed Lord God, who dost exercise Thyself in patience toward Thy rebellious creatures, we beseech Thee to draw us to a serious and frequent contemplation of that great and precious virtue; and enable us to pray for its gift with the sincerity of longing desire. Make us to see how needful it is to our own happiness and preservation, for unless Thou didst exercise patience, we could not stand before Thee; Thy wrath would have consumed us long ago. As, therefore, we know the value and importance of this gift to ourselves, so enable us to exercise it towards others, that we may in this, as in other things, prove ourselves to be Thy disciples indeed. But, above all, give us patience under the dispensation of Thy providence. When afflictions fall upon us; when sorrows arise, or losses accumulate, then make us to remember their Author, even the Author of all good; and enable us to exercise patience, that we may follow the example of Him, who so perfectly exemplified this grace throughout His whole life, that we might learn from Him. Whatsoever may happen, as we pass the time of our sojourning here on earth, let us so endeavour to bear patiently the trials and provocations of life, whether from Thee, or from our fellow-men, that they may be robbed of their sting, and we may secure Thy favor and regard, since Thou, O Lord God, wilt accept the patient one. Bless and accept us herein, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

WITH the close of another week, O merciful Lord, we, Thy worshipers, would approach Thee in the language of thanksgiving, and with the voice of praise. We would ask Thee to give us hearts to do this, so that our words may not be in vain, nor the utterance of our praise be only an empty sound. We have, during the past days of our closing week, received many and great benefits; blessings more than we can number. We have had health and strength preserved to us; food and raiment convenient for us, provided: and we have been kept from disease and danger. Many sick, and many sufferers are around us, whilst Thou hast, in mercy, vouchsafed to us health and strength. Whichever way we look, we find cause for rejoicing in Thy holy name; whatever we do Thy mercy attend us; and yet, Lord, we have not acknowledged Thy mercy as we ought; we have not shewn in our lives that sense of Thy goodness, which it so powerfully demands. Let Thy grace accompany us for the time to come, whilst Thy pardon follows on the past; and take us on the morrow into the courts of Thy house; prepared to offer to Thee willing, and obedient hearts; to seek Thy face and favor with sincerity and love, and to learn to praise Thee with more sincerity for the time to come, that our lives may be one offering of praise and thanksgiving to our merciful God, for the sake of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O THOU eternal Lord, our God, let the voice of Thy worshiping people enter Thine ear on this day of sacred rest. Accept, we beseech Thee, every prayer which it may witness, and answer every holy desire, which may be breathed forth, in its sacred hours. The day is Thine; its hours are for Thee, and to Thee must we dedicate ourselves as they pass, or sin. Sanctify us for the work, we pray Thee; give us hearts to begin it with cheerfulness and zeal; implant in us such holy desires and heavenly aspirations, that we may enter into Thy courts with joy, and seek Thy presence as our best reward, and a very precious privilege. Let the services of the sanctuary be acceptable in Thy sight. Enlighten Thy ministering servants, that they may see, and preach plainly and fully, that atonement, whereby alone we have remission of our sins; that sacrifice, whereby only heaven is secured to us, even of Thy dear Son our Saviour. And let not the ears of those who hear listen as to vain words which have no meaning, or bring no profit: but send Thy Holy Spirit to open them. Oh, may He strive this day effectually with multitudes; may He take up His abode this day in the hearts of many in which He never before found a resting-place; and may we especially be enabled to feel His most holy comfort, to partake of His assistance and to rejoice evermore in Thy mercy—great, and boundless, and vast, we acknowledge it to be—and all for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy Lord God, we beseech Thee to hear us for the sake of Thy dear Son, and let this evening's service be acceptable in Thy sight. We would thank Thee for the mercies of this day, for Thy loving kindness in once more offering to us so vast means of grace as another Sabbath has brought within our reach. It is of ourselves that we have not improved them to our soul's benefit; ours is the sin that we have neglected or misused any. Oh, pardon, we pray Thee, every imagination, every wandering thought which has crept upon and hindered us in the solemn performance of our high duty. Forgive the carelessness of our acts of worship; the slumber of indifference which has marked too many hours of our now closing day. Enable us to lay the serious thought to heart, that to some one of us, it may be the last Sabbath in which the privilege of joining thy worshipping people in the house of prayer may be afforded us; the last opportunity of thus making an open profession of our faith, and declaring ourselves to be Thy disciples. The last Sabbath must come to all mankind, but not one of us knows which shall be his last. In mercy seal this awful truth upon our minds, that with each, as it returns, we may strive the more earnestly to know its blessings, and to use its gifts; so shall we grow daily more and more in Thy likeness; so learn to love Thee better, and to find Thy favor the best treasure, yea better than life itself. Grant these things, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, who hast mercifully distributed Thy talents in trust to Thy creature man, in such number and proportion as seemed best to Thy godly wisdom, we beseech Thee to enable us to understand those committed to our charge, and to know and perceive Thy goodness in the gift. We know that we are not to be judged because we lack a talent, but only for not using, or for misusing, what we have. We know that Thou requirest from man no more than he can give; and that Thy strength will supply all his deficiency. We know, O Lord, that we are inexcusable if we sin, because Thou wilt grant grace to every one who asks, that we may resist temptation, and be able to stand against the wiles of the evil one. But we know also that we do not use the talents we possess. Thou hast declared unto us Thy will in plain terms, and "the soul that sinneth, it shall die," is a truth we all admit; yet, Lord, we have not pressed it upon others as we ought; we have not found, or made opportunities to exercise the talent of proclaiming so all important a truth. We have wrapped it in the napkin of indifference, and buried it among the soil of unremembered things, as if we valued it not. And the best of us do not value it as we ought. Judge us not, for this, O Lord, now, but strive with us yet longer, be patient yet a little while, until Thy grace restrains, and Thy power upholds, and teach and guide us by Thy Spirit, to our lives' end, for the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, thou requirest truth in the inmost parts, and wilt not accept a divided spirit. Thou hast told us to give to Thee our hearts, to place our affections on Thee, and to seek Thee as the one thing needful ; Thy salvation, wrought by Jesus Christ, as the pearl of great price. Thy law is very plain, and we must own that we have heard it, we know it, but we obey it not. We divide our affections ; we wish to love Thee, and the world ; we would give something to Thee, but then we would also give something to life ; we would serve Thee, but not with a perpetual service ; we would explain away Thy commandments, because we fear to offend Thee, and cannot bring ourselves to a strict obedience to them. Day by day we are acting thus in direct breach of Thy law ; yea, Lord, we must confess this awful truth, because we are not doing all to Thy glory ; we are not impelled by a love to Thee, we have not in all things a remembrance that Christ Jesus died for us, and, therefore, only we shall live, if we walk in His likeness. Be gracious unto us, and let this our humble confession be the sincere forerunner of amendment of life. Give us grace now to lay our sins to heart ; to seek Thy Holy Spirit's aid for the time to come, that we may be weaned from the vanities and follies of time, things which perish in the using ; and may learn from whom all good things do come, and ever seek them from their source, as we would now do, even from Thee, our merciful God, through Jesus Christ, the true way, and by whom alone we have access to Thee. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who lovest to deal out mercies and favors; who art ever ready to bless Thy people with an exceeding great and precious blessing; we pray Thee to bless us, oh, our God; yea, bless us, O good Lord, now, in these our petitions; in this our humble offering, that it may be acceptable in Thy sight; that it may prevail for us, because it is made through faith in Thy promises, and in the name of Thy dear Son, their holy and sure pledge. Bless us in all our prayers, whether they be offered in the congregation of Thy worshipers, in the household assembly, or in our chambers, where we pour out our hearts and spirits in secret to Thee our God. Bless alike all who are near and dear to us; give them, together with us, an increase of grace to pray more fervently, more frequently, more devoutly. Shew us the true way to secure Thy blessing, and then open our mouths to utter the faithful prayer. But we would also ask Thee to bless those who, though we know them not by name, are still our brethren, even every member of our native town. Bless them, as Thou seest they have need, in themselves, their families, their affairs; but above all bless them with spiritual gifts; with heavenly graces; that joy, and peace, and prosperity may reign among them, and that Thy glory may be more known, Thine honor more promoted. Let Thy spiritual blessings descend upon us as a refreshing shower, and open our hearts to receive them with grateful love, that we may in every act of our lives acknowledge the gracious Giver, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, we asked Thy blessings upon us, and others for whom we ought to pray, with our early offering this day at Thy throne of mercy and grace, and we would now return our humble but hearty thanks that it hath pleased Thee, in Thy mercy, to bless us through another day; that Thou hast given to us health, strength, food, and raiment; that we have been preserved from danger; but more, that we are again permitted to meet in Thy dear Son's name, and to plead His all-prevailing merits on our behalf. We need this, for our case is desperate. Our strength is weakness, our wisdom folly, our hope vain, unless Jesus helps, for without Him is no salvation. O Lord, we would be saved; we would flee from the wrath to come; but we cannot run the race that is set before us, unless Thou strengthen us; we would win the prize held out in love for all, but we know not how to secure it, unless Thy wisdom enlighten our understanding and teach our hearts. We would hope, but we are cast down; and unless Thou stay us, we cannot find one ground to hope that Jesus is our Redeemer. Enable us to cast off all self-dependence; all self-trust, and, entirely emptied of self, to come to Thee to be filled; waiting Thy good time, but despairing not; exercising patience, and striving by prayer, sure that an answer will be vouchsafed, since no one ever came to Thee, and was cast out. Let Jesus plead for us, and, oh, give a speedy answer, that we may have our joy secured, for His sake our Advocate. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Governor, Thou great and adorable Jehovah, who art over all, and to whom all things but the spirits of men yield ready submission, visit us in love, and teach us the obedience due from creatures to a Creator, good, wise, merciful, and omnipotent. Shew us Thyself in all Thine attributes, that we may be led to know Thee as Thou art, and then be enabled to worship Thee with a holy worship. Teach us that true wisdom which is from above, and which will lead us to seek the things we want, not from weak and feeble man, but from the Omnipotent, for in Thine hand is every thing, and by Thee do all consist. Lead us to Thyself, wherever we may be, to seek the Omnipresent, for Thou, O God, art in every place, beholding the evil and the good; and, though we see Thee not, Thou art nigh to help and deliver in every time of trouble. When want or affliction presses, guide us to Him, whose name is Love, even to Thyself, for Thou pitiest the sufferer, and the poor destitute; Thou art the Father of the fatherless, and wilt supply every want of the patient poor. In every hour, or place, or circumstance, make Thyself known to us through Thy works. Open our eyes to see every thing which surrounds us as the operation of Thy hands, and then unseal our lips, that they may utter Thy praise, and tell of Thy wonders from day to day; and that we may declare them good, and Thee, their Maker, great, and good, and glorious, to the honor of Thy name, for the love and sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

WE would again seek Thee, O merciful Lord God, through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and in perfect reliance on Thy love. And yet this day, we must confess, as we have too often reason to do, though we do it not, has not proved such reliance; our deeds have not borne evidence to the trust which Thy goodness demands. Self, and human reason, lead us too often astray; our fancied interests, and our boasted powers, turn us from thoughts of Thee, to self-reliance; and, in our self-complacency, we are apt to say to ourselves of our work—it is very good. O Lord, root out from us such a dangerous delusion, and teach us, that naught is good, save Thou only, and Thy doings. Enable us to compare the simplest of Thine operations, with the most cunning and complete that man ever devised; and then to see the might of the one, and the insignificance of the other, Thy power and our weakness in the works. Direct our view to the meanest insect that crawls along the dust, or wings its hour's existence in the air; and then, O God, let our hearts fill with wonder and amaze that such things are. Let not their every day's occurrence lessen their value with us, but rather, because they are our daily companions, make them Thy merciful monitors to tell of our God, and to lead us, in humility, to Thee. So shall we learn the more to rejoice in Thy holy name and to praise Thy works, yea, all Thy doings as very good, O Lord, our Maker, for Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

-MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we most humbly beseech Thee to visit us in great pity, and to let Thy mercy take the place of judgment. We have deserved punishment, and we have done much to kindle Thy wrath against us. We are daily sinning against light and knowledge; we are constantly presuming on Thy forbearance. Because Thou hast spared hitherto, therefore, we seem to expect that Thou wilt overlook our iniquity, and pardon our sins. But, we know such is not the course of Thy dealings; we have learned more of Thy word, than to dare to put this forth as a plea for our misdoings. Open our eyes, then, good Lord, to see the truth as it is in Jesus more clearly than we have hitherto perceived it, and let Thy Holy Spirit fulfil His work in us, by guiding us into all truth, and by keeping us therein to our lives' end. Enable us, being so led, to lead others; make us instruments of good in Thine hands; open our mouths to declare the things which we have heard concerning Thee, Thy wondrous dealings to the children of men. And do Thou pour out Thy Holy Spirit on all flesh; let His influence be felt in many hearts, and Thy name be uttered by many tongues, as yet unacquainted with its sound. Let the knowledge of Thee spread quickly, and widely: the mercies of redeeming love be sung through every land, until a Saviour's name shall be the wide world's watchword, and a dying Saviour all men's hope. Oh, grant this for that Saviour's sake, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, we come before Thee, not pleading our own merits, but in the name of Thy dear Son. He has promised to be present when two or three are gathered together in His name, and we would now have His gracious promise fulfilled. We would endeavour, O Lord, by Thy aid, to understand its value, and so to prepare ourselves, remembering that He is our Lord God, whom we must worship, and who hates sin with a perfect hatred, but who will hear the contrite one. Give us contrite hearts, we beseech Thee ; give us lowly spirits, we pray Thee ; and endue us with that heavenly wisdom, which will enable us to walk before Thee in the land of the living ; which will keep us from stumbling as we move onward through life, and bring us safely to our journey's end. Our lives are passing quickly away ; our days are running out ; our time is fast hastening on. We forget these things ; we do not remember them as we ought, as weighty, serious matters, which warn us to prepare. O Lord, give us that preparation of heart and spirit which may fit us for every duty of life ; which may enable us to do the work Thou hast appointed for us, while it is called day, lest the night come ; lest the darkness of death overtake us, and we be found unprepared to meet our Judge. We would trust to Thee, we would rest on Thy goodness and truth ; oh, enable us to do so, and bless us now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, in Thy hands are the issues of life and death ; as Thou didst speak the word and we were made, so, at Thy bidding, shall we pass away from this land of our pilgrimage, and be no longer among the sons of men. Soon must that time come. Though it is hid in Thy secret counsels, O Lord, yet we know that, at the longest, life is short. Our days pass quickly away. Year follows year, the seasons come in their courses, and depart ; all things come to an end, to warn us. Yea, Lord, even the small leaf that falls from the tree speaks Thy warning to the sons of men, for we must all fall as a leaf, and become again part of that earth whence we were first taken. Oh, prepare us daily, that we may be daily as much nearer Thee in spirit, as we are nearer to the grave. Shew us Thyself in the fulness of Thy majesty and holiness ; set before us Thy requirements ; and, above all, draw us to Him who is able to save us to the uttermost, and to fit us for our great change. Enable us to walk as He walked, fearless among His enemies, strong in the Spirit, knowing that His time was Thy time, and that He had to do Thy work. Now, Lord, whilst health and strength abound in us ; whilst it is called day, give us grace to walk before Thee in the land of the living ; to use our energies of body and mind in Thy service, and to prepare to meet our Judge, even Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our petitions, and further pray unto Thee in His own words :—Our Father

EVENING.

O GOD, our only Lord, to whom we owe all things, as all came from Thee, and who hast a claim upon our affections, accept the confession which we would now make of our too constant forgetfulness of Thee. We must indeed, own, O Lord, that we have loved the world too much, and sought too earnestly the things of the world. Our friendship has been given to the pleasures of life and time, whilst we have forgotten Thee, our Maker and best Friend. We have run after profit as if it could satisfy the cravings of an immortal soul, and we have joined in the laugh and jest of companions, whose every word did violence to Thine honor, for Thou wert not in all their thoughts. We have sat by the mourner and the sufferer in body, and spoken words which we deemed might amuse, as if levity led to heaven, and hell were won by naming Christ. We have, as it were, too often, made it our study to avoid the utterance of Thy name, or the mention of a dying Saviour, even to those who could find no rest in life, nor hope from the world. And so have we sadly proved our enmity to Thee. But Thou art gracious, and merciful, long suffering, and of great kindness, and hast delayed, though we deserved punishment. Oh, check our career of iniquity lest it be our ruin; stay us ere we go too far, and in this hour bring such conviction to the soul of each one of us, that we may find this indeed to be to us all an accepted hour, this day ere it close a day of salvation, and Thou our Friend, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, we are come into Thy presence, and are met in Thy dear Son's name, bless us in our meeting, accept our service, and hear our prayers, for His sake. Oh, bless us with all good things needful both for our souls and bodies ; give us the graces of Thy Holy Spirit to influence our lives, to keep us from error, and to lead us into the right way. May His light so illuminate every path along which we walk, so accompany us in all our goings, that we may neither stumble nor fall. May it so beam upon each work in which we are about to engage, that we may know for a truth whether we can do it without sin, and whether it will advance Thy honor, and promote Thy glory. Teach us our entire dependence upon Thee, and Thy perfect readiness to help in every time of need. Shew us the salvation wrought for us, by Jesus Christ, as the only good for which we ought to pant, and strive, that we may not waste our energies, or throw away our abilities on things which cannot profit, and which only perish in the using. And, oh, give us, we beseech Thee, grateful hearts. Stir up our affections towards Thyself, that we may love Thee above all things ; and, knowing Thy love, may speak of it early and late ; may be influenced by it in every word and work ; may seek to experience it in every hour, and so, passing through things temporal, may not finally lose the things which are eternal. Grant this we pray Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

RECEIVE, O Lord, our grateful tribute at the close of another week, and let our thanksgiving be acceptable in Thy sight, for Thy dear Son's sake. We would, indeed, present ourselves before Thee with lively gratitude for the mercies which Thou hast renewed to us during the days of the now closing week. Darkness and light have taken their part, but Thine arm has been outstretched over us alike in each. Dangers have been nigh, but we have escaped; the solemn bell has announced to our ears the departure of some fellow pilgrims, but we are spared. O Lord, we know it is Thy doing, and mercy has ordained it thus. Make us sensible of Thy great goodness, and long-suffering towards us. And, whilst we express our gratitude on bended knees, oh, make us to feel it in lowly hearts. Purify us from the spirit of evil which animates us too much in all our doings; yea, even in our acts of professed worship. We are too much inclined to see in them a fancied merit; we are too apt to say to ourselves, this offering is very acceptable to God, and my service will blot out mine offences. In mercy, save us henceforth from such delusion; teach us that, having done all we might do, we must own, in sincerity and truth, that we are unprofitable servants, or else have it proved to us in a day when no remedy shall be found, and no escape will be nigh. Let our Saviour's prayers be our example of earnestness and sincerity, and enable us to put our whole trust in Him, as we now and ever plead His name to Thine ear, O merciful God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our Father, Thou who hast shewn Thy great and wondrous love to man by calling us Thy sons, and by giving to us the adoption of sons, we pray Thee to open our eyes, and to remove from them the scales of worldly darkness which too thickly cover them, that we may see our precious privilege, and that we may learn to act as Thy sons indeed. Wean us from the cares and follies of life ; give to us hearts and affections set upon things above. Keep us from the defilements of time, from those sins which beset our every path, threatening destruction whilst they smile upon us. Let us not be deceived by the vain words and persuasions of men, who seek only the good things of time, and rest on the hopes and pleasures of life. But so entirely subdue us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to Thy will and law, that we may walk before Thee in the land of the living ; that we may rest on our great and holy privilege ; and, looking up to Thee as a kind, a loving Father, may fear no evil ; may be freed from the doubts, and uncertainties which hang about our daily walk, and long only for that happy hour when, having finished our course, having done the work which Thou hast appointed to us in this world, and having been stayed by Thy grace, we shall be called to receive the reward purchased for us by a Saviour's blood, and secured to us by Thy promise, and to all who look in faith for His appearing. Oh, mercifully keep us to that hour most gracious God, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Almighty ; O everlasting God ; Thou hast given unto us eternal life, and that life is in Thy Son, even in Jesus, our Saviour. Thou hast promised in Him also freely to give us all things. Oh, give us a saving faith ; a faith built on the rock of ages ; a trust, which human power cannot shake, nor the malice of the evil one affect. Give us such entire confidence in Thee, for time and for eternity, that we may risk all, may give up all for Thy sake ; that we may not dare to indulge one evil thought, lest we offend Thee, and ensure our own ruin. We are tempted continually to look for other gods, to seek our safety in others, and to build our hopes in our own strength. Do Thou shew us Thyself as the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent, as the only Mediator, and access to Thee, and then lead us to Thyself by that living way. And, ere this holy day close, make it, indeed, a day of rest to our souls ; a sabbath to our spirits. Let us retire to our chambers with hearts full of gratitude and love ; with spirits cheered by its service ; and minds strengthened by its means, let it not be a witness against any one of us of sin, but of faithfulness and truth. And now, Lord, ere we part, bless us ; let the light of Thy countenance beam upon us ; let Thy Holy Spirit fill us ; and let our Saviour be our reward ; and vouchsafe to us grace and strength for the time to come, for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, who hast appointed and established Thy church in this world, and hast called from among men such as it hath seemed good to Thee, to minister and to work therein, for the advancement of Thy glory, the promotion of truth, and the increase of godliness; we beseech Thee to bless the endeavors of all who labor in this work, and who give themselves, their time and talents to their sacred office. Endue them with every spiritual blessing; shower down upon them of Thy mercy and love, that, amid the varying scenes and trials which they must encounter here, they may be supported by Thy most ready help, and be enabled, by Thy grace, to perform their task with cheerfulness and fidelity. Enable us, we most earnestly beseech Thee, to be fellow-labourers with them, to be Thy servants, devoted to Thy work, and given, in all humility to the holy task of bringing Thy creatures, who live in darkness, and who are bound by ignorance, to the knowledge of their God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Shew us the way in which we ought to go; strengthen our feet to walk in it; give us an unwavering faith in Thy dear Son; and accompany us in all our goings, with Thy especial favor. Oh, in the great work of christian instruction, whether carried on by Thy ministers, or by those who are privileged to join them in it, be blessed to the good of our nation; to the prosperity of our people, and to Thy honor and glory. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake Thy dear Son, our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O HEAVENLY Father, we beseech Thee to look upon us in pity, for we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us; we are surrounded by temptations, and the flesh is very weak; evil thoughts arise, and we find too many things in life to encourage them. The companionship of men is too much after a worldly fashion; pleasure and profit divide the attention, and claim our time. The love of wealth and ease demands our thoughts, and occupies our minds; we spend our hours in planning how we may secure them, and we walk forth with the morning of our days, as if this life were all, and we had nothing for which to care beyond the endurance of time. Day by day seals this awful truth as an undying record for thousands. O Lord, waken us from such sad delusion, from such daring impiety, such a ruinous course. Let not the voice of pleasure seduce us from the paths of righteousness; let not the bright gleam of wealth dazzle our eyes that we cannot see the record, "how hardly shall a rich man enter into the kingdom of heaven," and teach us that most excellent petition, that each may for himself ask in humble sincerity, "give me neither poverty nor riches." We thank Thee that Thou hast given us many good things richly to enjoy; for we would acknowledge Thy bounty, in providing us with gifts more than we deserve, or remember to acknowledge. Oh, let them not be a snare unto us; let not our hearts love them, but Thee only, Thou great and merciful Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou God of truth ; Thou, who requirest truth in the inward parts, and hatest all hypocrisy and lies with a perfect hatred ; we beseech Thee to look upon us who, by the frailty of our nature, are so continually acting the hypocrite's part before Thee, and help us. Let Thy Holy Spirit, the only sure, and the certain guide into all truth, take us, and lead us whithersoever Thou wouldst have us to go. May He fill us with the knowledge of Thee, and of Thy law ; may He set before us all the things which belong unto our peace ; may He provoke us unto all godliness of living, and implant in us such a love of truth that we may seek for it, as for a rich and hidden treasure, and long for it with all the earnestness of a holy desire. Enable us to see, by His pervading light, the folly, as well as the sin of hypocrisy, of endeavouring to appear what we are not, or of uttering with our lips what our hearts do not feel. Oh, purge us from such self-deception, as to suppose that, in deceiving our neighbor, we are not sinning against Thee. Make us open, sincere, and truthful ; that we may dare to walk before all men, fearing not, since our trust is in Thee, and since we have learned, by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit, and by Thy preventing grace to find refuge in every trial under the shadow of Thy wing. And may we love the truth, which is eternal, for Thy dear Son's sake, that we may find rest and peace, as hope ever in Thy mercy, for the love Thou bearst to that Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, Though hast uttered Thy law, and it is written, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Thou hast made it very plain, and none can misunderstand it, for we must bear the punishment of our own iniquity, and for our sin shall death be our portion. O Lord, help us, since we have sinned, and come under the awful sentence; and, wert Thou not very merciful to stay judgment, we should now be awaiting, in the grave, our final doom of misery. But we are spared a little longer; our Saviour has pleaded for us; His all-prevailing name has reached Thine ear, and love has suffered with us, that we might escape. Oh, turn us, and so shall we be turned away from our wickedness that we have committed; yea, Lord, give us grace and strength to forsake every evil way which we have loved; to abandon every sinful desire, and to yield up every wicked and vain thought. Purify us from our sins past, and give us power and the will to do that which is lawful and right; to seek Thy paths, and to find pleasure in Thy law; to learn Thy commandments, and to delight in a strict obedience to their every precept, that we may save our souls alive. O Lord, make us to consider and turn away from all our transgressions, that we have committed, and mercifully fulfil Thy promise to each one of us, that we may surely live and not die, but proclaim Thy redeeming love through all eternity, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, merciful and gracious, who dealest with Thy creatures as it seemeth best in Thy sight for them, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to receive every visitation of Thine as an act of mercy, and proof of love. Take away from us all discontent, all murmuring, all repining, when the things of time please us not. Make our disappointments to lead us to a more close examination of ourselves, to see wherein we have needed chastisement or required correction. Endue us with power to bend under sorrows and afflictions as the breath of Thy displeasure, which is keen, but in mercy spare us yet longer that we may repent and turn unto Thee—and then turn us, good Lord. And, if Thine hand spares, and affliction comes not near, oh, save us from the delusion in which too many labor, that we are more favored of heaven than our fellows, since Thy love is proved by chastisement, for we all need it. We err and go astray continually, and because we are not found out by our fellow man, we dream not even that we are suspected, but go further and further in our iniquity and deceit, forgetful of Thee, until we be cut off, and secure eternal ruin as our portion. Oh, let our prayers rather be for ourselves and all dear to us, that Thou wouldst visit for our iniquities here; that Thou wouldst stay us in our career of guilt by sorrow in this world, so that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life. Yea, Lord, correct us; but let mercy temper judgement, and bless us, and keep us for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, be pleased to hear us in this hour, for Jesus Christ's sake. Try and search us, if there be any way of wickedness in us; lead us in the right way; and instruct us in the nature and spirit of prayer; make us to understand that no words can reach Thee, unless the Spirit take them, and shew them unto Christ, who will plead His merit on our behalf, His sufficiency to supply their weakness. And, as words of prayer without its spirit be only sin and iniquity, preserve us, that now, and whenever we meet together in Thy dear Son's name, we may give up ourselves, our hearts, our thoughts entirely to Thee and Thy service; that we may be, as if the world were shut out, and we had no occupation but to commune with our God. We know this is a hard task; yea, that with man it is impossible; but, since with Thee all things are possible, we ask Thine aid, and we ask in confidence, we ask urgently, for our necessity is great; we would have a blessing, and Thou waitest to be gracious and to bless us. Go also with us, O Lord, hence into our chambers, and there lead us to Thyself, that we may pour out all our wants and wishes unto Thee; may seek Thee as a kind, a tender, a loving Father, and may rely on Thee for a supply of every necessity in due time. And then bless us as we lie down to rest; give us comfortable, refreshing sleep, renew us, body and soul, for the fresh duties of another day, and waken us to it with health and strength, and keep us under the shadow of Thy wings, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our refuge, our strength, and salvation, we approach Thee in the confidence which we have in Thy promises, confirmed to us in Jesus Christ, and in His name we pray. We pray for Thy blessing on our native land; and ask Thee, in mercy, to stretch forth Thine arm over it. We need Thy protection, for evil abounds; sin, in every shape, is rife; blasphemy meets our ears; the careless and ungodly throng our streets, and our highways shew us fearful things. Thy Sabbaths are desecrated, Thine ordinances neglected, and high and low seem to try which can shew more indifference to Thee, O God. Oh, visit us not for these things in Thine anger; be not extreme to mark what is done amiss, but let Thy fatherly chastisements call us into the right way; restrain us by Thy Holy Spirit, and shew us our folly and ruin, ere it be too late; ere the sentence go forth; ere it be with us as with the godless cities of old, for we deserve nothing from Thee but wrath, and its dreadful consequences; nothing but immediate judgment, and sure ruin. Turn us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned; increase the number of Thy faithful people; multiply among us means of grace; draw us to them with contrite hearts, that we may confess our sins unto Thee with unfeigned lips, and find pardon, peace and deliverance. And let Thy dear Son, our Advocate, be our propitiation; give ear to us in the love Thou bearest unto Him, and teach us more and more of that love, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, who searchest the hearts of men ; who knowest the inward parts, and canst tell every thought long before it is conceived by ourselves, impress upon us this great and solemn truth, with its awful importance. Now, ere we leave Thy immediate presence, give to us such conviction of its certainty, that we may, by Thy grace, be enabled for the time to come, to keep a stricter watch over ourselves ; to guard the door of our thoughts, lest any evil thing enter in and defile us. Teach us the solemn declaration which Thou hast made for our instruction, “ the thought of foolishness is sin,” and spare us in Thy mercy, for folly surrounds us, and we too often fall. We speak vain words ; we amuse ourselves with matters unfit for the redeemed of a dying Saviour ; we walk not as the adopted children of a holy God, but as mere creatures of time made to perish with the brutes. We seek the company of the rational, when God is not in all their thoughts, and yet we know that the time is not far distant in the which we must bend our heads, and bring down our high thoughts, and hear death, Thy messenger, calling us to judgment. Oh, grant to us, good Lord, that we may so pass the time of our sojourning here on earth ; may so walk the walk of faith ; and be so blessed by Thy Holy Spirit, that in the hour of death we may rejoice ; may feel that our redemption draweth near ; because we are in Thy hands ; and these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, most holy, Thou great and glorious God, look upon us; Thou merciful Saviour, regard us, and let pity move Thee to compassion. We are very sinful; by nature, we long only for things which profit not, but which perish in the using. We find a law in our members warring against the law in our soul; we are led astray continually and speak lies. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. And, if Thy grace prevent us; if Thou dost put into our hearts good desires, we yet long for worldly possessions, we cleave to things of life, and we love mere vanities. Though vexation and disappointment follow too often on our pursuits, we yet pursue the same follies, and go on in the same unprofitable round, which has caused us but annoyance and dissatisfaction. We follow a device, because the world calls it pleasure; and we give ourselves to business, because it has a seeming promise of gain; and often after many failures. Do Thou, good Lord, in mercy, help and deliver us. Send Thy Holy Spirit to strive with us yet more and more, that we may turn unto Thee with penitence, and prayer, for amendment, and grace. Enable us to seek Thee early, and late cleave unto Thee. And do Thou bless all our dear relatives and friends with Thy heavenly grace. Keep them as the apple of an eye; lead them in Thy paths, and by the waters of comfort. And give us all such endurance that we may bear the trials of life, and come out more than conquerors through Him who died for us, Jesus Christ our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou Judge of all, who keepest the law in Thine own hands, and executest judgment according to its unerring precepts, stay us, we pray Thee, when we would presumptuously rush in before Thee, usurp Thy authority, and judge our brother. Make us to remember how we thereby bring ourselves into further judgment, and provoke Thy wrath and indignation against us. In mercy, pardon us that we have so often broken that law which says "Judge not," and set before us the holy example of our blessed Lord, who, as man, knew how to fulfil all righteousness, by obeying Thy law to the letter, and who took not judgment into His own hands, but left to Him, who judgeth righteously, the work of judgment. O God, we need much assistance to preserve us from the many temptations which spring from the natural pride of our naughty and rebellious hearts; we need Thine aid continually, and no power but Thine can stay us. Be merciful unto Thy creatures, who petition with the earnestness of helpless, lost beings, for the aid of Thy Holy Spirit to dwell in us, and to guide us into all truth. Oh, let the name of Thy dear Son plead for us; let His merits prevail, that we may each of us find himself renewed as we rise from our knees by fresh grace; that new hopes may have sprung in us, and that new desires may have been kindled, even to walk before Thee in all things in the land of the living, and to enjoy Thy favor, which is better than life, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, whose name is love, and who ever exercisest Thyself in shewing love to all Thy creatures, instil into our hearts such love, that loving Thee above all things, we may seek to love our neighbor even as ourselves. O Lord, it is no easy matter to do this, and man cannot, of himself, accomplish it; but Thy Spirit can work in him to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Let Him be our Director and Guide, to subdue all our evil propensities and desires unto Himself, that we may shew ourselves to be Thy disciples by the love we shew towards each other. Make this love to abound more and more in acts of kindness and care, in works of charity, and words of truth. Make us so sensible of the wants of all within our reach, that we may use our best endeavors to lessen or remove them; that we may carry the word of consolation, and give of our worldly goods, as the soul or body needs. Teach us to measure our gifts, not by our own inclinations, but by the necessities of others; to apportion our goods to alleviate the distress of our fellows, and not because we must give, to appear to men to give. Keep our tongues from every evil word which may wound our neighbor, and open our mouth to speak of his good when we can tell it. And in all things, O Lord, be Thou our Ruler and Guide; as our blessed Lord, in His going about to do good, our Example, and the Holy Spirit our stay and Comfort now and for ever more, for Jesus Christ's sake Amen.

EVENING.

WHY art thou so disquieted, O my soul, and why is my spirit not at rest. O Lord, enable us to ask this question of ourselves, as each night closes, if we feel that all is not peace within, if we cannot say, O Lord Jesus, come quickly. O Lord, Thou troublest not the spirits of men; it is not of Thee that unrest cometh; but sin, reigning in our mortal bodies, causes us disquiet, and we fear, lest destruction should come as a whirlwind. Yet with Thee is plenteous redemption; from Thee spring joy and blessedness, and that peace which passeth all understanding. Enable us, good Lord, now to lay seriously to heart our state before Thee, for we are in Thy presence, and Thou canst read, yea, Thou knowest, every secret thought; our indulged and hidden feelings are open to Thee, as if proclaimed to men. Oh, may we now, in full sincerity, ask, each one himself,—am I at peace with God, and is my God at peace with me? Could I now lay down my head to die, secure of eternal life, through Christ my Lord?—And, if a disquieted spirit gives no answer, oh, in mercy visit us, and strive by Thy Holy Spirit to bring us nearer to Thyself. Yea, Lord, shew us our Saviour as our only hope and confidence, a very present help in trouble; so that, when sorrows arise, and distress comes, be it from within or without, we may, as we would now do, flee unto Thee in His name and plead His merits as our sufficiency, for He is our Lord and God, and we would magnify His mercy, and prove His love. Amen.

MORNING.

MOST blessed and glorious God, the Lord of hosts; Thou holy One before whom every knee on earth should bow and every heart be humbled, do Thou in mercy so influence us, by the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be willing and devout worshipers of Thee this day; that we may lay aside every excuse, every fancied pleasure, every worldly enjoyment, and go into Thine house with praise. May the day-spring from on high beam more fully upon us ere this day close, that our souls may be satisfied with Thy presence; that we may realise more than we have hitherto done of Thy majesty, and so learn to fear Thee, lest we offend and die. May we enter the race, as if we would win the prize held before us, even the unfading crown of glory which the righteous Judge, our blessed Saviour, has purchased for us with his own blood, and which, if we but run earnestly, we know, O Lord, that we must receive. This day, again we ask, if we have not run hitherto, give us a holy determination to commence; untiring perseverance to continue, and power to win; we cannot run without Thine aid, and, with it, we are secure. For Jesu's sake, be gracious unto us; look upon our weaknesses, behold our infirmity, consider our frailness, our inclination to evil rather than to good, and refresh us henceforth daily by renewed outpourings of Thy Spirit, that we may each run in faith, and with diligence, and in the end have the already purchased prize. We ask in Christ's name, oh, hear and answer for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, faithful and true, who hast called us to the fellowship of Thy dear Son, and hast promised to save all who come unto Thee by Him, we presume now to come; we presume to plead His name, to rely on His merit, and to trust to His mediation. Vouchsafe to hear us, for His sake, and bless us, as another Sabbath-day declines. Oh, grant that the instruction which has this day been given, through the length and breadth of our land, may have been as pleasant food to thousands and tens of thousands, who have obeyed Thy call, and not forsaken the assembling of themselves together as the manner of some is. Do Thou make it instrumental to the breaking down of pride, prejudice, and error, to the dispersion of doubts, and heresies, and to the more close of union of the members of Thy visible church. Remove from us, O Lord, our unhappy divisions; make us all to lay aside mere human distinctions, attachments to men, or forms, and to cleave only to Him who is able to make us wise unto salvation, even Christ the Lord. Let Thy ministers ever remember whose They are, and whom they ought to serve, and, in the knowledge of Thee, find that eternal life to which they may also lead the flocks entrusted to them. And may each member of their flocks ever receive with joy the word of exhortation, the warnings, the instruction given, and, proving all things, hold fast that which is good, even the truth as it is in Jesus, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we, miserable sinners, come to ask Thy mercy, in pardon, peace and deliverance. We have sinned often and grievously ; we have offended against Thy most holy laws, doing those things we ought not to have done ; and leaving undone the things which we ought to have done ; we have spoken idle, unprofitable words often, and deliberately ; and our thoughts have been indulged in vain wanderings, even when we have met, as now, in Thy dear Son's name, and have bowed the knee, as in homage, to Thy divine Majesty. Pardon us, we pray Thee, for these sins ; hear our confession, give us contrite hearts, accept our contrition, and for Christ's sake, remember our iniquity no more. O Lord, blot out our offences, which cry unto Thee for punishment. Establish us in Thy peace, that peace which passeth all understanding, and which is alone precious, and yet 'a gift which we know not how to prize as we ought. Deliver us from the bondage of sin ; let it no longer reign in our mortal bodies ; but give to us the liberty of the gospel, Thy free Spirit and its consolations. Make our hearts to rejoice in Thy most holy name ; to boast that we are Thy children by adoption and grace, and to walk worthy of our vocation in Christ Jesus. Strengthen us that we be no longer children of this world, no longer bound by the chain of sin, but that we live as the redeemed of a blessed Lord, as the named of Him, as christians. And be gracious unto us, we beseech Thee, for His sake, now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast taught us not to be sorry as men without hope; not to grieve as if the evil might not pass away from us. Thou, O blessed Saviour, Thyself hast wept, and so sanctified sorrow; when distress comes, Thou hast, by Thine own example, thus instructed us, that we may weep, and lament, but that our sadness must be brief, for life is short, and our hopes are not bound to earth. Oh, give us then the spirit and power ever to remember, that we are Thy redeemed, Thy chosen, and in this blessed truth to rejoice, though darkness surround our dwelling, and gloom fall upon us. Be Thou the morning star, bright though earth send up her exhalations, and on that star, O Saviour, teach us to fix our eyes, as on a cheering light, which shall shine when the mists have passed away, not only undimmed but in appearance more bright because dimness had met the eye before. O Lord, we much need Thine aid; we require Thine assistance; the things of time and sense lay violent hold upon us; we love, and cherish them, and can lament more over a departed creature which, in our fancy, we have cherished, than in the recollection that Thou, Jehovah Jesus, hast bled and died for us. Pardon us for our sin, our crying sin against Thee; give us hearts to feel and own Thy love, and upraised hands to ask Thy interceding power with God, that we may turn from the error of our way, and in Thy mercy find pardon, peace and deliverance. Amen.

MORNING.


PARDON, O good Lord, and forgiveness, are Thy blessed attributes ; Thou lovest to exercise mercy more than justice ; Thou wouldest not that any should perish, but that all should come unto Thee and be saved. And He, our great example, even Jesus, the Saviour of mankind, walked in the same spirit, being ready to forgive, and seeking offence from none. He too commanded us in prayer to ask only forgiveness from Thee as we forgive others. Bring, O Lord, to our minds, and hearts, and consciences the great need we have of forgiveness from Thee ; how often we have offended Thee in thought, word, and deed ; how often in our actions denied the Lord who bought us ; how often done despite to the Spirit of grace, by resisting His holy motions, and refusing to obey His persuading influence. And dare we come for pardon, and not have forgiven all who have offended against us ! Lord, open our eyes, that we may read our hearts aright, and see if our forgiveness of those who have offended us be sincere, or if any be yet unforgiven, and this day lead us in the spirit of Him who spake as never man spake, to forgive, though it be our bitterest enemy, and to pray to Thee to turn his heart, lest ruin follow on his iniquity. And implant in our hearts such a love of Thee, that Thy love may influence all our dealings with our fellow-men, and that so peace may prevail and love abound, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, the hope of all who trust in Thee; their refuge, and strength; we would now seek to Thee in all godly sincerity, that our faith being established on the Rock of ages, we may rejoice in the sure and certain hope of salvation and eternal rest. We have often cried unto Thee, and Thou hast not heard, because our sins have stood in the way; our short-comings have left us far from Thee, and our iniquities have been as a thick cloud, so that we could not see the light of Thy countenance. O Lord, hear us, for Jesus Christ's sake; let the remembrance of His death plead for us, the unforgotten anguish of His soul, call unto Thee on our behalf; let His atonement reconcile Thine offended Majesty to us, and seal us Thine henceforth by the Spirit. Yea, Lord, strive with us yet a little while; prolong Thy patience; forbear to punish, and be Thou our strong habitation, whereunto we may continually resort. When trials surround, when temptations arise, and pleasure lures, then, let the light of Thy countenance beam more brightly upon us, that we may seek Thy protection, and, knowing whom we have to flee unto, may come with holy confidence to our merciful God, pleading Thy dear Son's name, and confessing our sins, and so find rest for our weary souls. Oh, take us to the bosom of Thy mercy; receive us into the arms of Thy love; watch over us, keep, and guide us, and, for Jesus Christ's sake, bless us in our prayer. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, Maker and Governor of the universe, we, Thine unworthy servants, again come before Thee to seek Thy blessing on another day. Thou hast mercifully prolonged our lives, and given us a fresh opportunity for the exercises of the christian graces and virtues; Thou hast, in great love, cherished and nourished us with the consolations of Thy Spirit, and the wholesome food of Thy word. Thou hast placed us in a land where the pure light of Thy gospel shineth; where the truth as it is in Jesus, is faithfully and earnestly preached; where Thy sacraments are administered; and the means of grace abound. Thou hast surrounded us by Thy handiwork; Thy providence speaks to us in all created things; and Thy power is seen in the workings of Thy will, which ordereth and it is done. And shall we not praise Thee, for such mercies; shall we be silent, when we should utter forth thanksgivings. Oh, open Thou our lips, and we shall speak Thy praise; give us the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, and we shall tell of Thy wonders day by day, and proclaim Thy goodness early in the morning. But above all, enable us to profit by these exhibitions of Thy fatherly care and goodness; make us to use them as we ought, and to find in them all that Thou wouldest have them work for us, and so glorify Thy Holy name, and evermore rejoice through Christ our Saviour, in whose name we ask, and further in whose words we pray unto Thee:—Our Father



EVENING.

O LORD God, holy and good, look upon us ; in mercy hear and answer our prayer, for our need is great, and our power small ; we require much, and can do nothing, but by Thy preventing grace. Still, Lord, we know that it is never denied to the humble and sincere penitent ; for Thou givest in abundance ; Thy bounty exceeds even our desires. We have sought Thee, but with carelessness, as a matter of course, as a daily duty ; yet Thou hast protected us, so that we have been safe in the midst of danger, and secure, when storms came around us. Waken us to a more abiding sense of our necessities ; yea, Lord, implant in us a more holy desire to be Thine in all things. Enable us to walk as creatures born for heaven, not as the children of time ; make us to remember that we are but strangers and pilgrims here, journeying to a better country. Teach us to set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth ; and, as our days pass, and we approach nearer to the grave, daily make us more careful in all our sayings and doings ; hourly more watchful, that we offend not in either word or deed. Thy grace can accomplish this for us, and Jesus is our Intercessor. He has died, that we might live ; and He has given us an example how to live, that we may not die. Strengthen us, to follow that example in all things, and in mercy, Lord, hear us, for His sake, and give us such things as shall be convenient for us, now, and to our lives' end. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou great Disposer of all things ; Thou who makest rich, and bringest to poverty ; who raisest up, and, at Thy good pleasure, puttest down ; mercifully teach us to whom we owe every good we possess, and to give the glory to Thee, the great Giver. Enable us to see Thine hand in every change of circumstance, which befalls us ; whether it be the grant of our petitions, or the denial of our requests ; the unsought bounty of Thy Providence in vouchsafing the good things of time ; or Thy restraining will, which forbids us to acquire more than we possess, or takes from us of our earthly treasures. Endue us with that lively, and sure, and saving faith, which alone, and only which, can subdue us to such a holy frame of mind, to such a heavenly disposition. Increase it in us more and more day by day ; make it to be seen in all our doings, that they may be known as pleasant in Thy sight, and that Thy glory may be magnified in and by us. Strengthen every good resolution which we may be enabled to make ; let us not waver in it because the world frowns, or man refuses to approve ; but let us walk before Thee in the land of the living, having our hearts set on Thee, our eyes fixed on Thy law, and our minds stayed on Thy promises. And so keep us in all our goings, so prevent and follow us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and ever ready help, that, passing through things temporal, we finally lose not the things which are eternal. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, Thou Governor of the Universe ; Thou, who orderest all things, and hast the hearts of men in Thy hands, mercifully look upon this nation and people. We are a sinful people, O God ; we have loved wickedness, and given ourselves to iniquity ; we have preferred human to divine wisdom ; the statute book of men, to the declarations of Thy law. Pardon us, O good Lord, and protect and guide us for the time to come. Look upon us, in all our various relations, with Thy pity and love. Bless the Queen with every blessing. Let her heart be stayed on Thee ; shew her the folly of trusting to any but Thee, and give her grace and strength to seek Thy favour and direction, and to walk and rule thereby all the days of her life. Give health and prosperity to her consort and offspring ; and grant that her children may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of Thee ; with that wisdom which is from above, and which will make them wise unto salvation. May they be examples of good, patterns of holiness, and so adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things, Yea, Lord, preserve them, by Thy great power from the snares with which they will be surrounded : from the temptations which will throng their paths, that they may walk before Thee, in the land of the living ; that they may taste that Thou art very gracious ; and, having passed the time of their sojourning here on earth in Thy faith and fear, may attain eternal felicity in Thy kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS God, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, and help us, for vain is the help of man. We form schemes; we give ourselves to high inventions; we draw out plans, and we imagine that we shall prosper, but our endeavors fail, and our labor is lost and profitless, because we have not sought Thine aid, we have not asked Thy blessing. Yet, we would now ask; oh, regard us with Thy favor, and let our Saviour's merits plead for us. We need Thy assistance, to guide our rulers, and to direct their counsels. Give to those who are set over us to govern, wisdom and discretion, patience and perseverance, that their time and talents may be yielded to the furtherance of Thy people's good, and Thine honor. Make them to remember that they are Thy stewards, appointed by Thee to promote Thy glory, and to seek the welfare of Thy church, as well as of the State. Shew them the folly of endeavouring to govern without reference to Thee, since though they may plan, Thou canst frustrate; though they may devise, Thou canst hinder, for Thou bringest confusion, as well as grantest success. Lord, teach them; subdue in them every high thought, and whatsoever may hinder them from seeking Thee to enlighten and direct, in all their consultations, in all their devices, and plans. And bless us with prosperity; give us, as a nation, amity at home, and peace abroad; and keep us under the shadow of Thy wings now and ever, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

TO Thee, O Lord, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee, though we have not obeyed Thy voice, to walk in Thy ways all the days of our life. Yea, gracious Lord, it is of Thee, that we are in health of body, and have peace of mind ; from Thee have sprung all the sources of enjoyment which the world affords ; Thy hand has prospered us in our doings, and if we have not slipt in our onward course, it is because Thine arm upheld us, and Thou wert our Father as well as our God. Shorten not that arm, we beseech Thee ; close not Thine eye we pray Thee ; and, oh, let not Thy fatherly care be withdrawn from us, lest we stray from Thee ; lest our feet run into evil paths, and our hearts delight in wickedness ; lest we seek the world rather than Thee, our own pleasure rather than Thy service. And make us so fully, and so entirely to apprehend Thy love, shewn forth in the sacrifice of Thy dear Son for our redemption, that our hearts may be touched with feelings of holy gratitude, and that we may see more clearly the sinfulness of sin, the utter helplessness of man to save himself, and so flee unto the refuge for dying souls, the Rock of salvation, as our only hope and confidence, and find Him a very present help in trouble. Oh, let Thy Holy Spirit enlighten our understandings, and direct our feet, that we may tread our onward path to that Rock in safety, and find Him to be our peace, for His sake, our Saviour, and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O THOU God of all grace, to Thee we now come for grace and strength ; help us, we beseech Thee, to pray in sincerity and truth ; to lay aside every thought but of Thee and the petitions we would now offer, and accept our prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. Be gracious unto us as a household ; endue us with that wisdom which is from above, that we may use our time as not our own, and so be prepared at the last to render an account of our stewardship, when we shall be no longer stewards. Give us heavenly dispositions, in conformity with our Saviour's life ; that we may be meek and lowly, kind and forgiving, patient and faithful. Teach us that forbearance which suffereth long, and is Thy gift ; that desire for other's good, which is the christian's mark ; that obedience which shews we are Christ's disciples indeed, and love Him. Break down within us all pride, and vanity, man's besetting sins ; all hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word ; make it to be our rule in whatsoever we do, that we may read therein with diligence, and walk in accordance thereto with patience and perseverance. That we may strive with each other for spiritual blessings, and quell all strife beside ; seeking that peace which is of Thee, and which Thy Holy Spirit only can impart ; and thus have our reward, Thy favor in this world, and Thine eternal joy in the world to come, even a habitation with our Saviour Christ the Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory henceforth and for evermore. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, accept our evening sacrifice, behold us in this our solemn meeting, for the love of Thy dear Son. Let His atonement appease Thy justly awakened wrath, and spare us a little while, that we may recover our spiritual strength, ere we go hence and be no more seen. Shouldest Thou be extreme to mark what we have done amiss; shouldest Thou weigh us by our own merits and deservings; shouldest Thou regard us, except through the medium of a Saviour, which of us could stand before Thee. There is no man on earth that doeth good and sinneth not; there is none righteous, no not one; O Lord, we do not presume to come trusting in our righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies, for Thou wouldest not that any should perish. Weak and sinful as the worst of us is, yet, for that one, Christ died as well as for the best and holiest of men, who can be holy only as he trusts in Christ. Oh, awaken in each of us a personal interest in that Christ; may He be our anointed Prophet, to teach us the way to Thee; our Priest to make our peace with Thee, and our King to reign in our hearts, by love, and to make us Thy faithful subjects to our lives' end. And may we seek Thee more closely now, ere another Sabbath dawns upon us that we may awake in the morning with the preparation of a right heart to seek Thee in Thine own house. May we turn unto Thee, when we retire hence, to the silence of our own chambers, and there find Thee our comfort and joy, for the love of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O EVERLASTING God, we hail this day's return with joy and thankfulness, for we can go into Thy courts to taste of Thy mercy, to experience Thy truth, to hear Thy word, to participate with Thy worshipping people in the means of grace, and to find that Thou art the Author of peace; a peace which passeth all understanding. O Lord, the world knoweth it not, neither any that be of the world, for it is spiritual and not carnal; it belongeth not to the flesh, whose good things perish with the using, but to the spirit, whose gifts increase with use, and grow the more we enjoy them. Endue us with an earnest desire to possess the hallowed gift, and lead our feet this day and ever to the place where it may be found, shew us the loveliness of Thy earthly dwelling-place; of the spot where Thou lovest to record Thy name, and to meet Thy praying people. And take away from us all delusions, which are sin. Make us to know that only a strict obedience to Thy law can save us from evil; that we cannot worship Thee apart from the assembly of Thy people, when we might be there, did our unruly wills not keep us away. Suffer us not to persuade ourselves, that we may innocently forsake the assembling of ourselves together, because we can read and pray at home, and talk of Thee in private. But sanctify us, body, soul, and spirit for this day's worship and service, that our petitions may be heard and answered; that our thanksgivings may be accepted, and that we may bring home a blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD eternal, O Lord most mighty, Thou only God, to Thee we come, asking Thy continued mercies, and beseeching Thee still to vouchsafe Thy favor to us. Weak, we are soon weary of Thy service, and the best we can offer unto Thee is tainted with sin. Even our short prayers are scarcely said without a wandering thought. But Thou art not extreme to mark what is done amiss; still, as Thou wilt punish sin, and in no wise overlook it, keep us from presumptuously uttering to Thee words, which want the heart's expression to make them acceptable unto Thee. Set a watch over our lips, that nothing but the heart's out-pourings proceed thence. Whom have we in heaven but Thee; on whom can we call but on Thee, with any hope of deliverance; and on earth whom can we find to compare with Thee. To Thee then do we cry for aid, for help, since vain is the help of man, and Thou wilt be gracious unto us; Thou wilt be the strength of our heart, and our portion for ever. Give us, gracious Lord, strength; endue us with the will to draw near to Thee, to put our trust in Thee, to cleave to Thee, to serve Thee faithfully, continuously, and to declare all Thy works, the wonders that Thou doest for the children of men. So shall we prosper; so shall Thy favor cover us as a shield, and Thy love be our ever abundant portion both here and hereafter; so shall we have joy and peace, yea peace in believing, since our faith will be in Thee, the God of peace. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our God, we are met together in Thy dear Son's name, and for His sake we would praise Thy mercy, and acknowledge Thy love, that Thou hast brought us in health and safety to the beginning of another week of duty and service; for the Sabbath, its opening day, is ended, and we are again called to labor in our several vocations. Oh, that the solemn dedication of ourselves which we had yesterday an opportunity to make, may have been perfect; that our prayers in the great congregation may have been sincere, and our petitions heard by Thine ear. Oh, that we may not have deceived ourselves, but have sought Thee, in Thine own ordinances, in sincerity and with affection. But, Lord, however warm our hearts were, however interested we felt whilst in Thy presence, yet our minds did wander; we did forget at times where we were, and we offered but lip service, vain oblations. Pardon us for our iniquity, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us; but let His influence be the greater, the more we need. May He accompany us hence to our various duties; may he keep us in mind of our covenant God, whilst we are engaged in them, and do Thou carry us in safety through every trial, and temptation; do Thou preserve us in every danger, and for His sake, help us as we move onward, that we may never be faint nor weary, knowing whom we have to serve, even One who is perfect love, and who would not that any should perish, but that all should be saved. Oh, give us that salvation, and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, Thy mercy is great, and Thy love is over all Thy creatures. Thine arm is ever ready to save, and Thy Holy Spirit to comfort those who flee unto Thee for safety and for succour; Lord, receive us, as we come; give us an abiding confidence in Thee, and preserve us, body, soul, and spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake. Purify us from all pollution; take away from us the love of evil; give us a saving knowledge of Thee, and the way of salvation; lead our feet into the paths of holiness, and keep us from presumptuous sins. Set a watch over our lips, that we offend not; that we speak no idle words, which shall be brought into judgment against us. Yea, Lord, especially help us, that our tongue speak no evil, no mischief; that we be ever watchful over the unruly member, which is so apt to offend: that it speak no hasty words, nor give utterance to angry expressions, but rather that it tell of Thy mercy and goodness, that it speak of Thy love and truth: that it proclaim Thee as the only true God, who wilt not pardon the guilty even in word, unless they repent and turn unto Thee. And, because we have often sinned by idle words, accept our hearty repentance; give us a godly sorrow, with strength that we may amend for the time to come, and Thy Spirit's aid now and ever. So may we be enabled to walk as Christ walked, reviling not again, nor speaking guile; but for railing, blessing, for His sake our God and Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Saviour, our very God ; Thou Holy One, eternal and true, be with us, as we supplicate Thee to plead on our behalf with Thy Father. We know that He is very merciful, patient, and forbearing ; we know His love is great, and extends to all His creatures ; yet we have no claim in ourselves for the least favor ; we can demand nothing of ourselves, though He has promised to give us all things. But, with Thy name, our prayer must be heard ; and, for Thy sake, we know that our petitions, if we ask aright, will be answered. Still, O blessed Saviour, how can we ask Thee to plead for us ; how can we claim Thy favor, Thy protection, Thy assistance. Thou art our Redeemer, our Intercessor, our Friend, and in those holy, precious, names we find a surety that Thou wilt not refuse, even on our behalf, to execute Thine office. For, though we are sinners, and continually come short of our known duty, Thou wast tempted like as we are ; Thou hast appeared in man's fleshly nature, and, as man, hast learned all that Thy creature man has to endure here. Thou canst pity when Satan buffets him, because the evil One tried Thy faith, and attacked Thy suffering human frame ; Thou canst feel for him, when sorrows arise, because Thou didst weep and grieve ; and, O gracious Lord, Thou canst understand our every want and wish, because in life Thy course was one of want, and here Thou hadst Thy wishes also. Oh, that Thy chief wish may be accomplished in each of us, that we may be saved, since Thou didst die to secure it, O blessed Saviour. Amen.

, EVENING.

O LORD, hear our cry, and let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. If Thou shouldest mark iniquity, O Lord, who shall stand. But there is forgiveness with Thee, therefore, we come into Thy presence with prayer, we offer our petitions unto Thee. Therefore, we make known our wants, and ask of Thee pardon, relief, and deliverance. But, Lord, we cannot read our own hearts; we know them not as we ought; we find them, indeed, deceitful, and they are ever leaning unto evil. They would flatter us that, because we be not so wicked as some of our neighbors, all is right; they whisper to us, peace, peace, when there is no peace; for we are all the while sinners, and Thou, our God hast said "there is no peace for the wicked." Oh teach us then to wait on Thee, as one who expecteth the morning watch; make us to look for Thee as they who seek great treasure; to cleave to Thee as the anchor of our hope, our exceeding precious trust, our sustaining and comforting Redeemer, for with Thee there is mercy and plenteous redemption; from Thee is salvation; and without Thee but sorrow, and anguish, and dismay. Time is short, the hours pass swiftly away, year follows year, and we forget *now* is the accepted time, *now* is the day of salvation. Let Thy Holy Spirit teach us this truth, so write it on our hearts, that no pleasure of time or sense can blot it out, but that we may walk in its remembrance, and be secure through Christ, in whose all-prevailing name we beseech Thee to hear us in all our prayers. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who is like unto Thee, or whom shall we seek but Thee. There is none upon earth to deliver, none we know to save, us. Our own strength is weakness, and man cannot give the power; but Thou, O Lord, art mighty, Thy power is over all Thy works. Thou hast created, and Thou dost govern them; for Thy good pleasure were they made, and to Thy glory should they work. But, Lord, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways, like lost sheep; we have forgotten Thee, and Thy mercies; we have walked, as if salvation were our own doing, and as if we had nothing to fear. Pardon us, we beseech Thee, and for Jesus Christ's sake be merciful unto us; deliver us in the hour of trial, and, when temptation comes, stretch forth the secure shelter of Thine arm, to save us. Enable us to flee to Thee as our only sure refuge, and give us that holy confidence, that lively faith, that abounding hope, which shall dispel every doubt and misgiving, and establish us as upon a rock. Order our goings that they slip not. Yea, Lord, so bless each one of us; and may our prayers be heard, not only on behalf of ourselves but of others; may all near and dear to us receive a benefit and a blessing from them, may Thy grace follow them; and may all for whom we now or ever pray, find Thee their ever present help in trouble; their exceeding great reward, and joy, and comfort. Oh, grant this, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

BE merciful, O Lord, unto us, and hear us ; look upon us and help us, for our trust is in Thee. We would seek Thee in all our trials ; we would come to Thee in all our troubles ; for Thou art a God of mercy ; Thou delightest not to punish, but, even in Thy wrath, rememberest mercy, and hast compassion on Thy rebellious creatures. Thou readest the hearts of men, and knowest all our wants ; Thou canst tell our necessities better than they are known to ourselves ; do Thou, then, in love and pity, supply those wants and remove those necessities, and especially give to us the graces of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may walk worthy our vocation in Christ Jesus, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. We are not sufficiently careful and anxious to do this ; we look more to our bodily health ; we think more of wordly suffering than of the soul's condition ; and of its danger. Arouse us, Lord, from such torpor ; open our understandings to read Thy law more carefully, and enable us to lay its holy precepts to heart ; to study them with diligence, with attention, but, above all, with fervent prayer. And, oh, keep this household ever in strict obedience to them all ; that we may live in unity and godly love, that we may have the wisdom which springs from a wholesome fear of Thee, that we may taste and see that Thou, O Lord, art gracious, and so rejoice ever in Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who is like unto Thee, who only doest wondrous things ; who can work as Thou workest, or who can give as Thine hands scatters. In vain do we seek from men or from the world, the things we would have ; in vain do we tax our strength, and put forth our energies ; in vain study the philosophy of this world, and its science, unless Thou, O God, give the word, and favor us with Thy blessing. Yet, Lord, we too often, nay, continually, act in entire independence of Thee ; we go about our business as if our skill would secure prosperity ; as if our own attention would bring success. As the waters rise and flow only at Thy bidding, and no man can stay them, so rises or sinks the fortune or the health of every creature of Thy hand. No wish can preserve or procure health ; no desire can give us strength or prosperity. We are altogether in Thy power, as we were formed by Thee at first. Oh, let this solemn truth warn us where to seek for the things we would have ; and let Thy loving mercies tempt us to come unto Thee for them, that, by faith in a Redeemer's power, we may be more than conquerors over the world, its sins and follies ; that we may walk in safety amid the trials which await us on every hand ; that we may ride secure over the sorrows and distresses of life, and rest on the tender bosom of undying love, even on Thine O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, most holy, O everlasting God, receive us as we come unto Thee, not pleading our own merits but in the name of our blessed Redeemer, and seeking His intercession. We would offer unto Thee our hearty thanksgivings for Thy mercies of this day; that its hours have not brought to us any evil; that we have escaped during them all sorrow and sickness, and that we are again permitted to meet for the worship of Thee. Make this new mercy another means of grace, that, in remembrance of it we may seek Thee more earnestly, and cleave to Thee more entirely; that we may rejoice in Thy holy name, and tell what things Thou hast done for us. Yea, Lord, open our mouths, that we may tell of Thy wonders day by day, that we may proclaim Thy power and excellence, and be more ready to speak of Thee among our fellows than of the pleasures of life, the things of time, be they ever so profitable or delightful. Yea, Lord, so turn our hearts to Thee, and so implant therein the seeds of Thy truth, that our lips may ever be engaged in Thy service, in declaring Thy power and majesty. And keep us this night under the shadow of Thy wings, that no evil come nigh to hurt us. Refresh us with quiet sleep, and give such rest to both body and mind, that we may be more fitted on the morrow for the work which we may have to do, that we may do all to Thy glory and in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

MOST gracious Lord and Father, who hast mercy on all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, give us such a sense of that mercy that we may come unto Thee as children to a loving father, to seek comfort, and joy, and peace. Shew Thyself to us in this Thy rich attribute; enable us to apprehend it in its fulness, by knowing our own hearts, their fearful depravity, their total alienation from Thee by nature, and their ever proneness to evil, and then by looking to the sacrifice made for our redemption, even that of Thine only Son, of Thy beloved. O Lord, aid us, by Thy Holy Spirit to do this, and so to come to Thee, for we cannot come of ourselves; our strength is only weakness, our best endeavors are but sin, unless the love of Thee impel us, and we seek Thine aid to draw us. Draw us, now, we beseech Thee; and subdue within us all pride, obstinacy, and hardness of heart; convince us of the impossibility that we can be saved, unless we be filled by the Spirit, or that we can be so filled, unless we be emptied of self; unless we forget, as it were, ourselves, and every thing which the world may admire, or approve. Oh, destroy that attachment to the world which keeps us back from Thee; that desire for its applause which interferes with our duty to Thee, that love of its pleasures, and profits which enslave the mind, and draw us away from Thy law, and hinder our obedience to Thy commandments, so shall we find Thee to be our Father and we Thy children, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, God, who is like unto Thee, Thou art very God, our Maker and Preserver, and we would bless Thy holy name for all Thy mercies vouchsafed to us from time to time. Enable us, we beseech Thee, to recall them, that our hearts may be stirred to holy gratitude, and heavenly love; that we may be led to see more clearly, and to understand more fully how much Thou hast done for us; and how great and glorious is Thy name. Oh, that our naughty and rebellious hearts could be led to acknowledge as they ought Thy name as that of our best and only real friend; oh, that we could be led to see Thee in all Thy attributes, working for us, that we may be saved; oh, that we could now have pictured to us all the agonies of Him who died on the cross, to redeem us from the power of Satan, and to establish for us a sure footing in the kingdom of grace. Let Thy Holy Spirit enlighten our dark minds, and work this work for us. Let Him descend into our hard hearts now, and shew us a Saviour pleading, waiting, at Thy right hand, that we may be saved. Let Thy grace henceforth accompany us in all our goings, and put Thy praises in our mouth. Make us to praise Thee for all Thy glorious works on our behalf, from the first day of our lives until now, that we may be prepared, when our summons come, to enter into that scene of praise, where Thy redeemed praise Thee for ever and ever, for redeeming love, in Jesus Christ our Saviour, Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD; Thou art our Lord; our very God. Send us Thy Holy Spirit to direct us, then early will we seek Thee, will flee unto Thee: and then will we come into Thy presence with joy, and gladness of heart; then will we rejoice in Thy holy name with love unfeigned. We will tell of Thy wonders day by day; yea, we will proclaim them with the voice of thanksgiving. Thou hast dealt very graciously with us; Thy mercies are new every morning, and every day reveals to us fresh proofs of Thy love and goodness. O Lord, receive us, and give us, indeed, the spirit of joy and praise; make our gratitude to be more than an early mist, dispelled by the first sun-gleam of pleasure which crosses our path; give to it a lasting power, that it may influence our future lives, and be seen in all our actions; that men may know us to be Thy chosen people, zealous of good works. Oh, enable us, good Lord, so to walk, and so to work, that we may neither be ashamed of, nor negligent in, our calling; that we may labor the more earnestly, the quicker time passes away, seeing that our days flee as a shadow, that we are cut down as grass, which knoweth not its time, and may soon be without the opportunity to rejoice in Thee. Oh, impress upon us so solemn so vast a truth, that it may be blessed to us. Spare us, good Lord, as Thy redeemed, spare us; ere we go hence, bless us with Thy blessing of peace, and strengthen us by Thy good Spirit, now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

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EVENING.

MOST merciful Lord God, we again approach Thee; we come, at the close of another week, into Thy presence with the voice of praise, and the language of prayer. Oh, make us sincere in our expressions, and grant that wandering thoughts be not the sin which shall hinder the acceptance by Thee of our evening sacrifice, but let our hearts respond to the utterance of our lips, and our praise be sincere. We are on the eve of another Sabbath; another day of holy rest seems to be before us, and, should Thy mercy spare us through this night, we shall be once more called to the congregation of Thy people. Enable us as the still hours of darkness pass by, to lie in quiet repose; give to us refreshing sleep; let no danger come nigh to disturb us; but be Thou our Guardian and Protector, that we may rise with the dawn of day, prepared and anxious to do Thy work, and to go into Thy courts, as a blessed privilege and means of grace. Oh, grant that we delude not ourselves by performing our day's work as a hard or meritorious duty; as an end; but that we regard it as a means only, as a meal, from the partaking of which we derive strength and nourishment. Grant that we be not as the hypocrites, performing our devotions to be seen of men; going into Thine house for credit's sake, or from mere custom, but let our hearts be singly and simply on Thee. And keep us to those solemn hours of worship in peace of body and mind, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, who hast bound upon Thy creatures laws, and hast given to them ordinances, whereby to prove themselves to be Thy willing and obedient disciples, we humbly beseech Thee to open our eyes so to read Thy law, that we may know its requirements; and do Thou also give us grace, and strength, that we may obey and observe them all the days of our life. Endue us with all the christian graces and virtues, that we may be temperate, patient, charitable, meek, forgiving; that we may, above all things, exercise Thy most excellent gift of charity, that it may be manifest in us every day, and in all our doings. Make us to understand its character, and to practise it in the faith and fear of Thee. May we ever remember how Thy holy apostle has taught us that, though we bestow all our goods to feed the poor, and have not charity, it profiteth us nothing. And, oh, so impress the awful lesson upon our hearts and minds, that we may ever have in view, as our example, the life and doings of our Saviour Christ, who shewed forth its power and excellence in every action of His life, in every word He spoke; whose whole career was an illustration of His great name, Love. And as He would have us to walk in His steps, that passing through this transitory life, we might reach that rest where He is, even the end of the Christian's walk, the eternal mansion of our God, oh, enable us to do this, and keep us by Thy grace and Holy Spirit to the end, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, Thou Physician of wounded souls, of all who trust in Thee, and without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; give us such abiding faith in Thee, and such a sense of our necessities, that, when afflictions come, when we feel oppressed under suffering, or tried by temptations, we may flee to Thee for help, and call upon Thee to deliver us. We, alas, too often condemn ourselves in the exercise of worldly wisdom. When we are sick, we send for human aid, and we tell our case, we declare all our sufferings, we ask, we hope for relief, we seek a cure. But, we do not remember as we ought, that the promise is not to human aid, but to the prayer of faith. We do not seek to Thee, to bless the means, to work the cure. Oh, pardon us, that we have not done this; yea, pardon our neglect of Thee, our unholy trust, and give us grace and strength for the time to come, that, whilst we use the temporal means which Thou hast appointed, we may look beyond, and ask from Thee to say to the sick and feeble, walk, to make the diseased whole, and to give that strength which we need or would have. And in all our temptations, O Lord, draw us to Thyself, for power to withstand the assaults of the evil one, who is ever lying in wait to take us captive at His will, and bless those who have this day come to Thee; but more, pardon the lukewarm and indifferent among us who have refused Thine aid; for Jesu's sake, pardon and renew them, and keep them, we beseech Thee, for the time to come. Amen.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee again to receive us as humble suppliants, in Thy dear Son's name, and, for His sake, to hear our humble petitions. We are very weak ; we cannot find strength within ; the palsy of sin requires a cure from above ; to Thee then we flee for that cure, that remedy, which Thou art ever ready to supply to Thy faithful, praying people. Lord, this day grant it to us ; enable us, through the hours which may pass over our heads ere night again fall around, to live without sin ; set a watch over our lips, that nothing proceed out of our mouths of which we need be ashamed at the day of judgment, when every word shall be brought in array, to excuse or condemn us, before the Judge of quick and dead. Keep our thoughts, O Lord, that they harbor no evil ; that they love not to dwell on sin, to speculate on its fancied pleasures or imagined profits, but endue us with power from on high, that we may remember that the thought of foolishness is sin, and that we ought never to dwell, even in thought, upon that which we would not openly speak to Thee, our righteous God. Yea, Lord, seal this truth upon our hearts for good, and restrain our feet that they run not to evil, our hearts that they do no iniquity, but bless the day in all things, to each of us, and stay us by holy thoughts and heavenly musings, and deeds worthy the name of christian, that, when it closes, we may rejoice in Thy mercy with exceeding great joy, for Jesus Christ's sake, our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou art very gracious unto us, as a nation, and a people,; Thou hast kept us by Thy good Providence from the evil of wars within, though dissensions have raged among us. Thou hast planted in our land Thy church, a holy body, with which we are called to assemble, and of which we are chosen as living members; Thou hast allowed Thy word to be preached in fulness, faithfulness, and truth. Thou hast sent merciful judgments from time to time, to warn us to flee from the wrath to come; and to wake us, from the slumber of indifference, and the excitement of pleasure. Thou hast used means to bring us to Thyself, and, O Lord, let our hearts now answer to us, whether Thou hast done all this, whether Thou hast so long and so mercifully striven, in vain in our behalf. Have we lived unheeding these Thy mercies; have we been careless, as if we had no souls to save; as if the Saviour had done all for us, or, worse, as if we needed no Saviour, no salvation. Oh, let Thy Spirit enlighten our understandings, that we may comprehend Thy mercy; touch our hearts that we may embrace it, and sanctify us, that we may cling to it to our lives' end. Oh, strive yet longer with us, good Lord, and give us not over as hardened and rebellious, as aliens from Thee, and despising Thy goodness in Christ Jesus; but save us now in the day of salvation, and give us grace to walk in all things worthy of our vocation as sons of God, the redeemed of Christ, the sanctified of the Spirit, for our blessed Redeemer's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, and Saviour, who, whilst on earth, didst teach Thy people by many words, and in many places; who didst speak to them with power, and declare unto them Thy will and law in plain but powerful language, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee now, by Thy Holy Spirit, the other Comforter, to come unto us, and to dwell with us. Make us to be living temples unto Thee, by His ever presence, and teach us and guide us, by His influence, that we may be led into the ways of truth, and walk in the paths of righteousness. Give us a clear understanding of Thy law in its fulness; enable us to see the broad distinction between vice and virtue, right and wrong, sin and holiness, which the world cannot see; that we may not err through ignorance, because we have not a knowledge of the truth. And teach us not to delude ourselves with the idea, that ignorance can excuse our sin, or that we can plead, at the bar of eternal justice, that we did not know Thy commandments, that Thy law was not made plain to us; but rather impress them on the heart of each of us. May they be powerful to restrain us from evil, to shew to us Thy holiness, Thy purity, and to convince us that, if we walk not therein, we must be cut off, and that without remedy. O blessed Saviour, Thy love is yet great; Thy mercy is still abundant; Thy power is still sufficient; plead for us, and help us; be gracious unto us and preserve us unto the day of Thy coming, and make us to rejoice in its approach, since Thou wilt be our Judge, O blessed Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, eternal and almighty, awaken us, Thy too slumbering creatures, to a sense of Thy attributes, to a faith in Thee, such as only Thou canst establish. Give us a hearty desire to look to Thee as our best friend, our readiest help, our only safety ; and enable us to draw from Thee comfort, and consolation in all our trials. Yea, Lord, endue us with the power to find good in every thing which emanates from Thee ; to learn that all things, by the rule of Thy law, work together for good to them that love Thee. That sickness as well as health ; sorrow equally with joy, are Thy ministers to Thy creatures, whom Thou wouldest make Thine own by a free-will offering of themselves to Thee, to serve and worship Thee all the days of their life. And, because, this is hard for human nature, therefore, we entreat Thee more earnestly to work in us, by Thy Holy Spirit, for Christ's sake, to help and deliver us ; to give us strength in every hour of trial, and comfort when afflictions fall upon us ; to direct us in all our doings ; to subdue unto Thee our unruly wills and affections : and to break our stubborn and rebellious hearts. And then draw our eyes in faith to Thee, that in the holy contemplation of Thy excellence and mercy we may rejoice, and, forgetting as it were the things which are behind, may press on more earnestly to the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be glory, power and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; give us true repentance, and contrite hearts. Make us to love Thee with a perfect love; give us the power to understand, and the will to imitate, Thy love to us, that, as Thou shewest it in every hour of our lives, yea, in every moment of our existence, we may evidence it by our whole life, and conversation, and let it be seen and felt in all our doings, and by all on whose behalf it can be exercised. Root out from us those animosities, that ill-nature, and unkindness of disposition which are so foreign to a christian's profession; which hide Thy likeness in the man, and bar out the rays of Thy mercy from his heart. O Lord, teach us this love, for none of earth can teach us; self, and man's own interest rule him here, and he can see no profit but in things that tend directly to benefit himself. Pardon us, if we so err; search us, try us, prove us, O good Lord, and for Christ's sake destroy in us all self-love, and selfish feelings; and all vain boastings, and presumption which spring thence. Give us grace to imitate Him, who went about doing good, and who thought only of Himself as to how He could benefit and bless all men; and forgive us, now that we cry unto Thee in penitence and with prayer. Be not extreme to mark what we have done amiss, but pardon the past, and help for the future, and accept us in the name of our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, and for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thy mercy is everlasting ; who can declare it ; Thou reservest it for all mankind, and throughout all generations. Though we have sinned and gone astray, yet Thou stayest Thine arm, and givest time for repentance ; Thou strivest yet longer with us by Thy Spirit, crying, by the voice of conscience, to Thy rebellious children,—why will ye die. Again and again, as we call for vengeance, and dare Thy wrath, by our iniquities, Thou in mercy, passest them by ; and yet, O gracious Lord, we see no mercy, we will not perceive any goodness, in all this forbearance and long-suffering, to induce us to turn to Thee, to forsake our sins, and, in the arms of Thy pardoning mercy, to find refuge. But Christ has died for us ; for us He has borne a life of suffering and a death of shame ; for us, rebuke, and blasphemy ; and now we will crucify Him afresh ; we will despise His work, even our own salvation ; we will reject the gift, so precious, and which none else can give. O Lord, pardon us, yet once more, for every unrepented sin, and keep us for the time to come ; let our confessions be this day sincere, our sorrow deep, our resolutions of amendment, firm ; and do Thou strengthen them, and enable us to walk henceforward in that strength, that we may have the consolations of Thy Spirit, and rejoice ever in our reward, the crown of glory, purchased for us by our Saviour and God, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our refuge, and strength, without nothing is strong, nothing is holy; to Thee we because we find ourselves weak, and holiness part of our nature. We are unable to seek Thee diligently as we go in search of worldly prof sustenance; we cannot cleave to Thee with firmness with which we hold to any worldly good cannot feel the same desire for Thee that we feel the pleasures of this life, for the things of time sense. And, though we find them all to perish in enjoyment; though we see the rich man taken from his wealth; the man of business cut off in midst of his engagements, and profits; and pleasures palling, even before they be run through, yet cannot come unto Thee, we cannot flee to the Saviour who has so tenderly bidden, who has so lovingly invited and besought us to come, and find rest for souls; who has shewn His unceasing love, by many and great. O Lord, help us, for vain is the help of man; take away from us the love of this world and its vanities; subdue in us all inordinate desires for riches and pleasures, and give us a spirit to seek Thee early, whilst Thou mayest be found, to rest upon Thee whilst Thou art nigh; to look to Thy Saviour for help; as the only way in and by which we can secure to ourselves peace either here or hereafter. And make us Thy peculiar care in all our troubles in all our sorrows and distresses, in all times and circumstances of life, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our Father, accept us now, we beseech Thee, and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake. We come before Thee, pleading His merits. He died for our sins; He rose again for our justification; He was bruised for our iniquities; and, but for them, He had never left Thy throne; He had never borne a life of sorrow and suffering; nor undergone an ignominious death. But mercy, pity, love, all struggled in His breast, when He saw man's miserable and lost condition; when He saw that there was none to help; no friend to succour, nothing that could avail to appease His Father's righteous indignation for broken laws, and despised commands; and then He offered Himself to redeem His lost creatures; and, for His merits, Thou art pleased to accept all who will come unto Thee through Him. O holy God, give *us* a true faith, that we may come unto Thee, without one thought of self, or claiming any thing on our own account, but simply pleading the righteousness of Him, that He may thus be made our righteousness, and we may be saved. Our time for this is very short; our opportunities are very few, and yet they are sufficient, if we will neither waste the one, nor despise the other. Enable us to use both in Thy service, and to our souls' eternal benefit. May we diligently occupy ourselves as Thy faithful soldiers and servants, and, having fought the good fight, may we at the last be received through Christ into mansions of rest at Thy right hand for evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O EVERLASTING God, who wouldest that all Thy creatures should remember whose they are, and whom they ought to serve, even Thee, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent, mercifully regard this family and household; look upon us, and bless us; give to each member of it a saving faith, that holy and living principle which is Thy peculiar gift, and without which we are and must remain but unprofitable servants before Thee. Make us to seek for it early and late, and, the more it increases in us, the more to seek its increase, until it swallow up all else, and become the one all ruling principle of our lives, the mainspring of all our actions. Lead us to a deep and prayerful study of Thy word, that we may know how to seek Thee; and root out from the heart of any one of us, who may entertain so mistaken a notion, that we have only to ask, and not to do, to obtain Thy blessing. Shew us the meaning of Thy declaration, that faith without works is dead, that it is a mere empty sound, as a lip service only; and strengthen us to do Thy will, to seek to know it in its purity, and to perform it in its fulness. Oh, let us not be satisfied with what we have already learned, or may acquire by chance, but lead us to seek earnestly for further acquaintance with Thy holy word, that it may be to each of us as a pure well of living water, a refreshing stream each time we come to it, thirsting after Thy righteousness, and that so we may be satisfied. Oh, grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thy commandments are very broad, Thy law is very plain; open Thou our eyes to see, and our hearts to receive them as our rule of life and conduct. Be Thou our strong rock unto which we may alway resort; and uphold us by Thy good Providence, whensoever temptation is nigh, or pleasure smiles upon us. In such an hour be Thou especially present with us, that we may see their character by Thy light, and in the brightness of that light be kept from stumbling. Present to our view, we beseech Thee, all things in their true light and color, that we may neither be dazzled nor deceived: that we may never mistake the means for an end, and, because we have knelt in Thine house, and partaken of Thy holy Sacraments, rest satisfied, that we have done all required of us. But lead us to them as of Thee, and by Thine appointment, and therefore necessary to salvation, but effectual only with such as receive the same in faith. And endue us with a right understanding as to this world's business and pleasures, that we may not be eaten up with care, or lost in sensuality; that we may follow the one as an appointed duty, and not slothfully, but as serving Thee; that we may enter into the other as from Thee, and rejoicing in that goodness which has reserved so much for us in this world; which has given us so abundantly good things richly to enjoy. And cause our gratitude to shine forth in acts of love and obedience to our lives' end, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Father, we come unto Thee, for the love Thou bearest unto us, and beseech Thee to accept our poor and imperfect service, our faint and feeble offering of prayer and thanksgiving; not because we offer it, but because Christ is our Mediator; because Thy beloved Son is our Intercessor. Receive us in His name, make us fit to be partakers with Him of Thy heavenly kingdom, and direct our thoughts into the way of peace, that we may have a foretaste here of the happiness of Thy saints hereafter. And Thou, blessed Jesus, look upon us in mercy, and plead Thy merits on our behalf; we cast our care upon Thee, knowing that Thou carest for us; we ask Thy blessing, for Thou art present with us, to bless, since we are met in Thy name; and we can do nothing without Thee, our Advocate. Let our faith in Thy advocacy be so sure, that we may seek none other to help; so strong that we may rest not until we feel that it has been effectual for us. Clothe us with Thy righteousness that we may be approved guests at the great supper of the Lamb in Thy kingdom. And Thou, Holy Spirit dwell in us, influence and direct us; be our Guide this day and ever; sanctify us, body, soul, and spirit, and keep our feet that they err not. Make our professions sincere, our practise consistent, our whole life an evidence that we are Christ's disciples; and hallow us as we ascribe all praise and thanksgiving to the adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O GRACIOUS Saviour, who didst manifest Thy power whilst on earth, chiefly in shewing mercy, and in acts of love and compassion, and who didst feed the hungry when the multitude came to hear Thy word, and to see Thy works, bless us now, we beseech Thee, with the bread of life. Make us, in that great act of wonder and kindness, to see Thy almighty power, whereby an increase was given to supply the wants of Thy needy creatures. Grant also to us a perception of Thy mercy, because Thou wouldest not send them away unsatisfied, but wouldest rather exercise Thy highest power on their behalf. And do Thou so visit and assist us. We have heard Thy warnings, but are not satisfied; except Thou speak the word, we must go empty away. O Lord, give us a hearty desire and craving for that bread which only Thou canst give, even the bread of life, which Thou hast promised to all who call upon Thee faithfully; satisfy us and that soon. And, preserve us this night; give us refreshing sleep and rest, and raise us, we pray Thee on the morrow, that we may go into Thine house, where Thou hast promised ever to meet Thy worshiping people, to supply to them the bread that cometh down from heaven. And endue us with right spirits, give us hearts and minds fitted to enter into Thy worship, that we may have the blessing we now seek, and plead on our behalf with Thy Father, our merciful God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who for our sakes, didst fast forty days and forty nights, and didst undergo sufferings that we might have a blessing, keep us by Thy power, and enable us to use such abstinence, that we may obey Thy godly motions; that our bodies may be subdued to Thy Spirit; that the lusts of the flesh may be weakened within us, and that we may be led seriously to lay to heart our natural corruption, our depravity, and inability to do any good thing of ourselves. Work in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure; that all things within us may be brought into subjection to Thy law; that we may perceive the folly, and unprofitableness, as well as the wickedness of sin; that we may strive more earnestly than we have hitherto done to know the spiritual meaning and extent of Thy law, its force and requirements; and that we may seek more diligently Thy Holy Spirit's aid and assistance in every matter to which we are called. And do Thou so accompany us, O blessed Saviour, this day, withersoever we go; but more especially as we enter the courts of Thy house, that we may worship the triune Jehovah in spirit and in truth; that we may listen to the word of exhortation with attentive and ready ears, and may bring home with us much good seed, scattered on good soil, which shall bring forth, under the dew of Thy blessing, good fruit, to Thy honor and glory, and to the praise of Thy holy name, O eternal Jehovah, Jesus our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, we have again heard Thy holy word read, and have again worshiped Thee on Thine own day, in Thy house of prayer; blessed be Thy glorious name for so great a privilege. May we, to our lives' end, evidence our sense of its value and importance by using it to our soul's good, and to Thy honor and glory. O Lord, we bless Thee for Thy mercy shewn in its ordinance; we praise Thee for Thy goodness in teaching us to use it; and we would endeavor to learn from Thee more of its use than we have hitherto known. We have not learnt its full value, else should we have observed it more strictly than we have hitherto done. We should not have been content with giving a portion only of the Sabbath's sacred hours to communing with Thee; we should not have rested satisfied to hear Thy word, but we should have endeavored to speak as we heard it, that others who could not, or had not learned to, come with us might benefit as well as ourselves. Let Thy love pardon us, for Jesus Christ's sake, and preserve us to another Sabbath, that we may spend it more in conformity to Thy will and law; and strengthen us, we beseech Thee to do so. Keep before us the example of our blessed Lord, when we are tempted, that, should the tempter urge us to forget Thee even for the smallest portion of Thine own day, be it for pleasure ever so innocent in itself, we may say with Him—Get Thee behind me, Satan. And for His sake hear and answer our earnest prayer, O Lord our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, we are again entering upon a week in which the businesses of life and time demand our exertions, and in which we must also continue to work out our own salvation. The Sabbath which opened it, and during which we have had the opportunity to give ourselves to Thee by serious meditation and earnest prayer, has closed; we have had the benefit offered, whether it result in a blessing depends upon how we used it; and the days of this week will determine, O Lord, if we failed to store up mercy for ourselves in that harvest time of Thy mercy, pardon us, and do not now refuse to hear and accept us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Enable us to go forth in Thy strength during each day of this week; accompany us by Thy Spirit; make our doings to prosper; give us zeal and diligence; a hearty desire to serve Thee above all things, and a power to do all to Thy glory. But keep ever in our view the greater work we have to do, lest, whilst we seek a provision for time, we neglect to prepare ourselves for eternity; an eternity which must come; a period which must arrive, and which will be to us of joy or misery as we have chosen to make it. Thou hast mercifully left to us a free choice; Thou hast promised Thy Holy Spirit to aid and direct. Oh, give us the free, the precious gift; uphold us in the hour of trial, when temptation comes, sustain us, and, in Thy due time, receive us into the mansions of eternal bliss, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, how shall we approach Thee, what shall we bring unto Thee; we will plead Thy dear Son's name and sacrifice, and Thine own mercy and love, so wondrously displayed in it. We will come unto Thee in no other name, with none other offering; but we will seek Thee through this all-prevailing name, and we will rejoice in it. O Lord, give us such a trust now and ever; enable us to cleave to Thee firmly, continuously; to confess with our lips, and to shew forth in our lives, that we are Thy disciples; that, whether sorrow, or misfortune, or joy surround; whether pleasure prevail, or business occupy, we are still firm on the rock of our salvation; that we fear not, nor are dismayed, for Thou wilt not fail those who trust in Thee. Thou wilt in no wise cast out those who come unto Thee in Christ's name, and relying solely on Him for pardon, peace, and deliverance. But, Lord, we would ask Thee to shew to us our own hearts; to give us Thy Holy Spirit's light, that we may read and study them, lest we be deceived by their desperate wickedness; lest, when we think our Saviour is our trust, we are not in the faith; we are misled by some cunning device of the evil one; we are walking blindfold to our ruin and sure destruction. To escape this is Thy Spirit's work, therefore, we ask most earnestly His aid; for we would be Thine; we would look only to Thee in Christ, and so have peace here, and eternal joy hereafter. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, it is a fearful thing to fall into Thy hands, for Thou art a living God; it is a fearful thing to arouse Thine anger, for Thou art a jealous God, and if Thy wrath be kindled, yea but a little, how can we abide it. We cannot hide or cover ourselves from Thy presence, for wheresoever we are, there Thine eye seeth us; whatsoever we do Thou knowest, and our secret thoughts are not hid from Thee. O Lord, make us so to understand this truth, and so to fear offending Thee, that we may set a guard upon our lips, and watch our goings, and that we may be very careful not to indulge any thought which we should be ashamed to make known. May we ever remember that, though hid for awhile from our fellow-men, the time must come when that which is hidden shall be revealed, when that which is now dark, shall be made plain, and the mysterious of this world shall be cleared away, for, in that day, before the judgment seat of Christ, the secrets of all hearts shall be made known, and every thought of foolishness stand an accusing witness against us. And, when we put our hand to any work, make us to seek Thine aid and assistance, that a blessing may attend it. When we speak, open Thou our mouths, and direct and govern all our thoughts; and pardon us for the past neglect of Thee, for our pride of heart and independence of spirit; and subdue both our hearts, and spirits to Thy law that we may walk in obedience to it all the days of our life, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, Thou art nigh unto all them that seek Thee faithfully; to all that cry unto Thee with a true heart; Thou keepest mercy for thousands and tens of thousands; Thou art never weary of doing good, because Thou lovest Thine heritage, and wouldest not that any should perish. Thy message is alike to all—Come. To all, Thy voice is uttered—Seek the Lord whilst He may be found. Yea, Lord, to each of us Thou dost now speak, as Thou hast often spoken, alas! how often unheeded, by Thy goodness. Thou has kept us through another day; Thou hast blessed us with renewed mercies; and Thou continuest to pour out Thy benefits upon us like water on a thirsty ground. We have had food and raiment, and a covering from the wind; we have enjoyed warmth; and health has been ours; and now we have fresh means of grace before us. Thy Son's promise is with us, and we come, knowing that we shall in no wise be cast out. Oh, give us grateful hearts to bring with us. Open our eyes to see how many want what we possess; to how many are denied the comforts and conveniences of life, which we undervalue or despise; and lead us to observe the misery and wretchedness and suffering without, whilst within we have many things in which to rejoice. And oh, make us remember, as we lie down on our beds, that, whilst on earth, oft-times the Son of man had not where to lay His head, and yet He is our Saviour and our God, and then, oh then give us such gratitude as Thou wouldest have from us and keep us, for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O HOLY Lord God, look upon us; O Almighty Father, pity us; we have wandered out of the way, and have left Thy fold; we have turned every one to his own way; we have neglected Thine ordinances, we have despised Thy threatenings; we have refused to hear Thy promises, and all that Thou couldst do for us has been in vain; we would not be saved. Our natural hearts have rebelled unceasingly against Thee; our spirits have refused obedience, and our voice has too often been loud in proclaiming our own folly and sin. Yet Jesus died for us; He came on earth to redeem us; and He suffered for our sins. Oh, arouse us to some sense of shame, good Lord, that we have neglected such great salvation; oh, give us some feeling of gratitude, that such great salvation was wrought for us. We deserve nothing but punishment, and all Thine offers are mercy and love. We are open hourly to death and danger, and Thine arm unceasingly watches over us. Let not such mercy plead in vain; let not a Saviour's blood be ineffectual for us, but lead us, through Him, to Thine own self, humbled and penitent that we may be made strong, and washed from our sins; that Thy grace may abound in us; and that we may walk as Thy loving children indeed, rejoicing in Thee; finding Thee kind, merciful and long-suffering. And accept our petitions we beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast set before us good and evil ; who hast given to us the power to choose between them, which we will have, but hast bade us to choose the good, we beseech Thee to help us in our choice. The sinfulness of our nature holds us back ; the deceitfulness of our hearts misleads our will ; and we cannot choose. We do evil continually ; we yield to the suggestions of Satan often ; we forsake Thee, our covenant God ; and we refuse the redemption which Thine own dear Son wrought for us. And yet we would be saved ; we would come unto Thee to have life ; we would see good days. Oh, restrain us, good Lord, by Thy Spirit, when our feet turn from the paths of peace ; hold us back, when we are going heedlessly on to ruin ; shew us the right path, and lead us in the way everlasting. Oh, give us a desire to use all Thy gifts to the glory of the Giver. Let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in us continually, that we may do this ; that we may exercise our reason only to bring us nearer to Thee, to assist us in the choice of good ; to help us in the avoidance of evil. May we, in His strength, use every energy of body and mind to seek those things which are profitable for our salvation. And, whatever Thy dispensation may be, enable us to bow to it with humble faith, which shall exclaim—behold it is very good. Yea, Lord, open our eyes to see Thy hand, working for us in all things, whatsoever they be. And grant this for the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O MERCIFUL Lord God, let Thine eye behold us in pity, for we come unto Thee to plead for pardon ; and let Thine ear be open to our prayer, for we need Thine aid, and Jesus is our Advocate. Oh, let His holy name prevail. He is the Saviour of sinners, and as sinners we come unto Thee. He came to seek the lost, and we are lost in sin ; we have gone far out of the way ; we have forsaken the covenant which we made with our God ; we have broken the laws which we were bound to keep, and we have yielded our faith, to serve the world, the flesh, and the devil. Our hearts have become hardened ; our spirits deadened ; our hands feeble ; and our lips silent. We have done much for the world, and little for Thee ; we have studied our own interests, and neglected Thine ; we have cared for the body, and left the soul undefended against the unceasing assaults of its enemy, the devil. Our case were desperate, had not a Saviour died for us ; yea, our case were helpless, had not Jesus left His throne of glory to purchase us back to Thee. Oh, open our hearts to receive Him there ; make us glad when we hear His name, and cause us to rejoice that we can utter it. Yet let us never utter it in vain ; let it never pass our lips excepting as the heart's portal ; let us never say, Lord, Lord, as our only duty, as an acceptable and sufficient service ; but teach us better things. And, now and ever, receive us as we bring it, that each of us may find, to his soul's comfort, that Jesus is the sinner's Saviour indeed. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to visit us with Thy truth; illuminate our hearts and minds, which deceit darkens, that we may know that truth, and live and walk therein all the days of our life. We cannot learn it of ourselves; the world cannot teach it, for it is from heaven; it cometh down from Thee, the Father of lights. It is spiritually discerned, and, therefore, can be known as fully by the poor slave, as by the ruling monarch. None so weak as to be unable to receive it; none so poor as to be unable to procure it; who shall despair. O Lord, shew us now that truth, and set it before us in the full conviction, that Jesus Christ has died that we might live. Yea, Lord, teach us that we must flee to him as our refuge; that we must come to Him as our strength; that we must trust to Him as our atonement; and that in and by Him only have we access unto Thee. Shew us our blessed Saviour as the one, but the sure hope of all, since He died for all, that all might through Him, have eternal life. And enable us to rejoice that we have thus an assurance of salvation, if we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. And do Thou spread this knowledge far and wide, let each day witness the conversion of many; bring each hour to many the saving truths of the Gospel. And oh, make each one of us an instrument of Thine in so glorious a work; yea, Lord, vouchsafe to us so great a privilege, that we may shew the cause of our rejoicing to be Thee indeed. And grant this for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD most holy, we would now offer unto Thee an acceptable service, through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Bless us now, and accept us for His sake. Let Thy blessing accompany us all throughout this day; and enable us to walk as if we sought so precious a gift. We know that we shall not pass through its hours without temptations; we know that trials will meet us; but we also know—thanks to Thy gracious word, O merciful God—that we may have strength to withstand, and grace to overcome, if we only flee to the fountain of all good things, which flows alike for all. We may be overtaken by sorrow; do Thou enable us to bear it, should it come; disappointments may surround us; oh, turn our eyes, should it be Thy good pleasure so to visit us, to a better country where all is sure, and all is joy. Some looked-for pleasure may elude us; but let us not grieve that we have missed but a shadow, when we have before us the boundless substance of a home whence only pleasure springs, and in the contemplation of which we may find a solace under every affliction, and privation of life. And, do Thou endue us with such power as may raise us above the things of time and sense; as may satisfy us that here, as we have no abiding city, so we ought not to have any fixed hope; but that we may learn to do our duty as Thy creatures, appointed to work out in time a salvation which is for all eternity, the purchased gift of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O EVERLASTING God, who orderest the goings of men ; who callest them to their several offices and duties, but commandest them to do all in the faith and fear of Thee ; give us a due sense of our responsibility ; lead us to a right use of our privileges ; enable us to hold fast the profession of our faith, without wavering ; and uphold us by Thy good Providence, through the temptations of every day, the trials of every night. Especially, O Lord, keep us from a distrust of Thee, and Thy mercy in Christ Jesus. When sorrow and sickness come, endue us with the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may view them as the visitations of Thine hand, for our good ; as Thy chastisements, to bring us nearer to Thee, and to prove Thy love to us. When distress and doubt hang over us, may we thus be able to regard them as trials of our patience, whereby our hope of the removal of our sufferings may be increased and strengthened, and our confidence in Thy unceasing love be established. Yea, good Lord, in every event of life, be it of joy or pain, may we learn to look first to Thee with prayer, and last to Thee in praise, and may all our works be begun, continued, and ended in Thee, so that we shall ever rejoice in Thy holy comfort, and go forth in Thy strength and prosper in our doings. And do Thou accompany us in all our works and goings, that we may neither faint nor be weary, neither cast down nor disheartened, but may bless Thee ever, and this in pure love to Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Maker, unto Thee we again come, to seek Thy face and favor; Thy fatherly protection and assistance. The day has dawned, and the duties of the day have begun; may a sincere faith in Thee influence us through them, and may it be seen in them. Make us now and ever bold by Thy Spirit, to stand forth as champions of the true faith. Take from us that indifference, that lukewarmness, which is content with an in-door profession, which begins and ends at the household altar. Make us to see that it is the duty of each one of us; yea of every one who is called by the name of Christ, to fight manfully under His banners against all heresies, and errors; against false doctrine, and deceit. We err herein; we confess not the faith we profess; we have a name to live but are dead; we fear man rather than God; than Thee, our Maker, Friend, and Lord; and thus we reject the salvation wrought for us in Christ. Teach us, we pray Thee, better things; open our eyes to our deep responsibility, and seal upon our hearts the truth—awful to so many, condemning to thousands—that our Judge will, at the great and terrible day, only confess before Thee such as confessed Him whilst they were on earth; such as openly walked in His name, promoted His kingdom and glory, and sought Thee through Him the living way. Receive us now by that way, and bless us with Him as our life, that we may live in Him as our truth, and abide therein to the end. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD most high, O God most mighty, Thou only God, before whom all flesh must bow, and at whose bidding our spirits must flee to Thee, their Giver, accept this our evening sacrifice; look favorably upon Thy servants, who now come again, with one consent, imploring Thy love, and continued mercy. Without Thine aid we can do nothing; without Thine assistance, we were as dead men, our strength but weakness, our energies a breath. And yet, O Lord, we live as if we needed nothing; we act as if we were all powerful; as if we had only to put forth our arm, and to overcome. Have we this day gone forth in Thy strength; have we felt it was Thou who didst graciously sustain us; that Thy mercy was our safeguard, and Thy love our defence? Let Thy Spirit enlighten us to see if it be so, that we may repent of our sin, and correct our folly; that we may find pardon for the past, and assistance for the time to come. May our hearts be reproved, our consciences relieved, our lives amended. May we be enabled to call to mind the sins, the misdeeds, the offences of the now closing week; not as if we had only to sum up the catalogue, and feel our work was done; but with a sincere desire to amend, to know ourselves better, and to seek Thee more entirely; and, in this spirit, lead us, we pray Thee into Thine house on the morrow, and bless us in the services of that holy day, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

MORNING.

GLORY be to Thee, O God, for Thou hast reserved mercy for us; all praise be unto Thee, for Thou again offerest us blessings, means of grace, most precious privileges. For Christ's sake, Thou beholdest us, and, through Him, we offer our praise and thanksgiving, for we are not fit to appear in Thy sight, save in His name, and under the shadow of His goodness. Another Sabbath is ours; Thine own appointed and holy day again shines for us, and again we are called to register ourselves as candidates for heaven, by a faithful attendance in its type, Thy temple upon earth. O Lord, lead us there; go before us, and bless us; be Thou our rearward, and encompass us on every side, and keep our foot as we enter into Thy courts. Seal upon us a remembrance of that event we this day celebrate, the resurrection, which ensured to us a freedom from the dominion of death, and an inheritance with our Saviour, the first fruits of them that sleep. And let each Sabbath be to us a resurrection, that we may rise, day by day, higher from earth and earthly things; that we may live, day by day, more to Thee, more devoted to Thy service, and so approve ourselves as Thine. And bless all near and dear to us, who shall worship anywhere, with like blessings, that we and they may so together pass through things temporal, that finally not one of us lose the things which are eternal. Hear us, O good Lord, and answer, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

EVENING.

ACCEPT us, O Lord, with our closing service on this Thy holy day, and let our united voices, in the responded Amen, and in our blessed Saviour's own form, attest to Thee, that we offer the service of the heart, and not of the lips only; that we have given our spirits into Thine hands, and are now bowed before Thee as our King and God. Let us not by carelessness or indifference, do away with all the benefits of this day; let not a present coldness evidence that we care not for Thee, nor tell that we are glad, as, alas, too many are, that the trammels of a Sabbath are nearly unloosed, and that we can enter upon business or pleasure, which are more agreeable and congenial to us. Let not wandering thoughts shew that our love is dead, and that Thy mercy is despised. Thou hast to-day renewed Thy mercy; Thou hast to-day given fresh proofs of Thy love; for we have been permitted to worship in the congregation of Thy people. Oh, seal upon our hearts some of the glorious truths we have heard; make us glad by Thy promises, and keep us in mind of Him, who once went into the house of prayer at the stated times, Himself to worship Thee. Let this blessed thought encourage and delight us; let us love Thy presence in Thine own house, and seek it whensoever we may. And bless us, O good Lord, ere we lie down to sleep, with Thy Holy Spirit, and let Thy holy angels take charge of us as we lie upon our beds, and keep us to the great day, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Mediator, and Advocate. Amen.

MORNING.

OH, Thou holy Lord God, who givest to all men liberally, and upbraidest not; Thou, who waitest to be gracious, and to hear the earnest petitions of Thy praying people, give to us, we beseech Thee, such a desire to have the things which we most want, even the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may now and ever utter fervent prayers, and breathe to Thee all our desires in their fulness, and with sincerity. Teach us how blessed is the privilege which is vouchsafed to us, of coming unto Thee, as loving children to a kind father. Enable us to understand, at least, some of Thy kindness; how Thou dost preserve us by Thy great power, from danger and distress; how Thou dost give to us things which are convenient; and art ready to soothe us in every hour of trial and sorrow. Such knowledge of our fellow-men would lead us to them as friends at once; we should come to them with confidence, with hope, quickly; we should not delay. Oh, let us not delay to come to Thee; to flee to Thee, as unto a sure defence, a stay which cannot fail. Lead us to see Jesus Christ as our surety, as Thy pledge. May we behold Him as the faithful witness of the new covenant; that we may know, through Him we shall no more die, but live. Yea, Lord, give us that unwavering faith which dispels all uneasiness, which removes every disquieting fear, because it assures us that the bitterest waters of affliction will pass away at His presence. And thus may we be led to seek Him, and to trust in Him for all things, for He is our Advocate and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, the Searcher of hearts ; to whom all secrets are known ; look upon us, we pray Thee in mercy ; be not extreme to mark the evil within ; punish us not suddenly, but spare us yet a little while ; give us strength and grace, and let Thy Holy Spirit strive with us, and for us, that we may turn unto Thee with penitence, and be saved. We are continually going astray ; we run from Thee, as if we could escape Thee ; we think to hide ourselves, and so to enjoy our sins unobserved, our misdeeds unreprieved. Or, because they are not so glaring, so offensive as those of our neighbors ; because they are unseen of man, and bring down upon us no shame nor confusion of face, we flatter ourselves that they shall not be found out, nor bring upon us punishment and death. Oh, undeceive us, we beseech Thee ; remove from us such awful error ; make us to know the truth as it is in Jesus, and not to rest on such a dangerous delusion of the evil one. Enable us also to realise Thy presence in every place ; to feel Thee nigh, wheresoever we may be ; to walk, so that we remember that Thine eye beholdeth us, and that by Thine arm only we can be restrained from sin or kept from iniquity. And then strengthen and defend us ; keep us in all our doings, that our footsteps slip not, but that we may walk before Thee in full assurance of Thy mercy and goodness in Christ Jesus, for whose sake O Lord, we pray, and further address Thee in His own words:—Our Father.

MORNING.

O HEAVENLY Father, our Lord and God, Thou art nigh unto us, therefore we call on Thee; Thy mercy is everlasting, therefore we come to Thee; Thy truth is throughout all generations, therefore we trust in Thee. Thou hast preserved us during our past lives, when danger was nigh, and evil threatened; Thou hast kept us from injury and ill, when others suffered, and pain and distress abounded; and, when sorrow has been ours, Thou hast chased it away, and given to us the light of Thy countenance, and returning peace. Oh, look upon us now, for we ask in remembrance of past mercies, and bless us. Thou knowest all our wants; Thou seest what is good for us; Thou beholdest all our necessities; yea, better than we know or can declare them. Be gracious unto us, and give us such good things as be needful both for our souls and bodies. Encourage within us a saving faith, godly hope, unwavering confidence, that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may be content to follow Thee whithersoever Thou dost lead without repining; the rather blessing Thee that Thou hast condescended to us, as our Deliverer and God. Make us to cast all our care upon Him who careth for us, even our blessed Saviour, and to rejoice in the assurance which He hath given us, that our trials here are but for a season, and intended in mercy to prepare us for an eternal inheritance among the saints in light. Keep us to such an end, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

AGAIN, O Lord, we come unto Thee, as another day closes upon us; again, as the darkness of night overshadows us, we fly to Thy protecting arm; we seek Thine aid and blessing. And we come in confidence, for we know we have a Mediator, through whom we can come; an Intercessor ready to plead our cause, and to strengthen our trust in a merciful result, by giving to us His Holy Spirit. O Lord, look upon us; be gracious unto us. We would be Thine in spirit, as we are in name. We have tasted of the pleasures of life, and found them very bitter; we have joined the amusements of the world, and behold they were very fleeting, and have left neither satisfaction nor comfort. We have given way to fancies and hopes, which, being built on no surer foundation than this world can afford, have fled, and left only disappointment and vexation of spirit, for they were vanity itself. Lord, Thou knowest how much and often the things of time have engrossed us; have claimed and had our entire service, even to the shutting out of all thought of Him who died to redeem us from this world, and its vain pleasures. Do Thou make this our own confession sincere as it is true; and oh, make it our daily confession, that we may ever have in remembrance our weakness and frailty, and, experiencing Thy strength, may come to Thee through Christ; may seek Thee by Him with fervor and affection, and learn to bless Thy holy name, for His sake our Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

WE would come and worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for Thou, O God, art our God for ever and ever. Thou gavest us life, and Thou preservest it; Thou hast showered down benefits upon us innumerable, and it is in Thee alone we live, and move, and have our being. Humble us, therefore, good Lord; make us sensible of our entire dependence upon Thee; grant us grace to feel and know that the smallest thing we possess is Thy gift; that every event is ordered by Thy providence, and that without Thee we can do nothing. And then draw us to Thee; lead us by the cords of love and holy gratitude. Awaken in us a due sense of Thy mercies and goodness; an ever active perception of Thy power working in and for us. Whether we rise to the duties of another day, or lie down at its close to seek refreshing sleep, keep us stayed upon Thee; that we may find in Thee a very present help, to soothe in affliction, to give peace in the hour of trouble, and to increase our rejoicing when pleasure comes. But above all, lead us to a saving faith in Thy dear Son, without whom all our doings are nothing worth; give us an unwavering confidence in His all-sufficiency with Thee for us, that we may come by Him ever to Thee, pleading only His name and merits, and trusting only to Thy mercy through Him, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, we would ascribe all honor, praise, and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, high and holy, look upon us. Thou hast promised that, where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. And we are now met in Thy name, most holy Saviour; we have come together, ere the night end, and ere we lie down to rest again, to ask Thy favor, Thy protection, and Thy blessing for this family and household. Regard us with Thy favor, and sanctify us for the work we have in hand, communion with Thee in prayer. Bless us in our several relations; make us to regard each other as equally objects of Thy fond care; as each having the same interest in Thy death, the same benefit in Thy resurrection. Enable us to understand our several duties, that both master and servant, remembering to whom we must give account for execution of them, may be led to act with fidelity and zeal; with an honest and simple desire to shew forth Thy glory, by benefiting each other as much as in us lies. Take away from us all desire for our own individual good, where it interferes with the good of others; be Thou our example, in that Thou wentest about doing good, seeking to benefit and to bless whithersoever Thy steps turned. And keep us from all hypocrisy and deceit; make us as open as if we could have nothing to hide; and plead Thou our cause with Thy Father and our Father, and be our blessing in time as Thou art our hope for eternity, for Thou art a merciful Saviour, and our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who didst send Thy dear Son into the world to save sinners ; and didst subject Him to all the temptations and trials to which we are subject, that He might be a righteous Judge and Saviour ; mercifully grant that we may use such abstinence as shall subdue within us every evil passion and desire, every motion which accords not with the purity of Thy gospel. May we remember what He bore for us and our salvation ; what He underwent, to secure to us benefits which nothing else could purchase, blessings which none else could obtain. Oh, may we never be permitted to forget how He was bruised for our iniquities ; and how the chastisements of our peace was upon Him, whilst with His stripes we are healed. And then inspire us with such gratitude, such love, and such an ardent desire to shew them forth in our life and conversation, that we may indeed adorn the doctrine of God, our Saviour, in all things ; that we may walk worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus ; that we may seek to live ever in the Spirit, and from Him to learn the things which belong unto our peace, before they be hid from our eyes. Yea, Lord, so fit and prepare us during our sojourn here, that, whenever the summons to depart hence shall come, we may welcome it with joy as a message of gladness, from our Saviour and Redeemer in whose name we ask, and further pray unto Thee as He Himself has taught us :—Our Father,

EVENING.

O GOD, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; yet who wouldest not the death of a sinner, be gracious unto us; for we have sinned often and grievously, and yet we know that, if Thou regardest us not, we are undone, for our hope of salvation is in Thy favor alone. O God, how shall we appear before Thee; with what offering shall we come. We dare to kneel in Thy presence, not trusting in our own merits; not claiming anything of ourselves, but trusting simply and singly to Him who is our life, even to Jesus, our Saviour and our King. Under the shadow of His name we would approach Thee, and ask that His merits may plead for us; for each one of us at Thy throne; that for His sake, Thou wilt be gracious unto us and accept us; that Thou wilt wash out all our iniquities, and cleanse us from our secret sins; that Thou wilt renew a right spirit within us, and soften our stony hearts. O God, Thou art very merciful, but justice is Thine attribute, therefore, lest we sin and die unrepentant, be Thou merciful unto us now, and forgive us all our sins; blot out our offences; make our sorrow sincere, our contrition hearty, and lead us in the way everlasting; so shall our sorrow be turned into joy, our affliction into peace, and we shall have comfort and hope, and Thy peace which passeth all understanding. Oh grant this, and all those things beside which we so much need, but which, from our weakness and ignorance we cannot ask, for Thy dear son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, there is none like unto Thee. We have heard of other gods, but they are the work of men; they spring from evil imaginations, or rise out of vain thoughts. We follow them not; we see no profit in them, and can find no advantage from them. But Thou showerest down benefits, and vouchsafest blessings, and mercy is Thy darling attribute. We cry unto Thee, and Thou answerest, for we are the work of Thy hands, and Thou preservest, as Thou hast created all things. Yet, O Lord, we have not given our hearts to Thee; we have been content to let Thee, as we imagined, share them with another, for profit and pleasure have had a portion of that which Thou hast claimed for Thyself. We have not given Thee our hearts, though Thou hast asked the gift; though Thou hast besought us in gentle accents, sweetened by promises, we have refused. O Lord, how can we then approach to ask anything from Thee; how can we plead with Thee. We cannot. But Jesus Christ ever liveth to make intercession for us, and in His name we come; not presumptuously, but as humble penitents. Humble us, therefore, good Lord, that we may receive the things we shall ever ask of Thee in prayer, through Him, and put away our sins from us. Subdue in our hearts all love which may interfere with our love to Thee, and accept us for the sake of Thy beloved, as sons and daughters, and bless and keep us now and for evermore. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy Lord, who can express Thy praise, or who declare Thy mercy; angels and archangels pass their eternity of existence in hymning it, and end not, for no power can do it justice; their work and their pleasure is alike; they wait to do Thy bidding, and so add to their expressions of grateful love, and adoring praise. And such must be the ready occupation of Thy redeemed; such the busy, willing employment of those, who, having washed themselves and made them clean in the blood of the Lamb, shall stand in Thy presence evermore, and behold the fullness of the glory and majesty of their Redeemer and their God. And shall we, whose blessings are renewed every morning, and continued every day; who are receiving mercies continually and in great abundance from Thee, be silent; shall we refuse to prepare ourselves here for our hoped-for employment hereafter. Alas! we live as if our lives had no reference to the future; as if all our work on earth were to eat, drink and be merry; to take our ease; to accumulate of this world's goods, and to rejoice only in the things of time and sense. O Lord, send Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts to remove this awful delusion; to teach us better things; to persuade and lead us unto Thee here, that we may be with Thee hereafter; to shew us, as we must know it in time, the work we have to do through eternity; and so to seal us Thine by a covenant of obedience and love, for Jesus Christ's sake, our God and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

HEAR us, O good Lord, and for Jesus Christ's sake, receive our prayer. Look upon us, at the closing of another week, and accept our tribute of praise and thanksgiving. Thou hast blest us by the preservation of our bodies from sickness and disease; Thou hast kept death from us, and we come with our wonted strength into Thy presence, to give ourselves, now that we have health to devote to Thy service, to Thee in all humility, but with an earnest desire to be Thy servants indeed. We know that we have often professed to do this; we remember our baptismal vow, whereby we were bound to obey and serve Thee, and to walk in Thy commandments all the days of our life. We can call to mind that solemn day when, before Thee and the congregation of Thy people, we renewed that vow, and repeated our promise; and we do not forget Thy sabbaths, those holy seasons during which we have entered into Thine house, and professed to learn more of Thee, to know more of our duty, and to worship Thee in sincerity and truth. And yet, Lord, how far have we been from doing this; if our lips have shewed forth Thy praise, how little have our lives kept pace with their utterance. Oh make us now sincere; let no deceit dwell in our hearts; root out all iniquity thence; and plant therein holy desires, and heavenly imaginings, and stay us by Thy good Spirit, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, high and holy, Thou blessed and glorious Jehovah, we Thy sinful creatures will come unto Thee, for Thou hast promised never to cast out those that come, and with Thee are blessings for evermore. In Thy presence is eternal joy; Thou art the fountain of happiness, which can flow from no other source, however diligently men may seek it here; however earnestly they may long for it from earth. Oh, teach us, to receive this truth as truth, and to act in its teaching, that we may not build on the sandy and shifting foundation of this world's gifts; on the delusive promises of life, and the fleeting insubstantial things of time, but may rest on the one foundation which is laid for all, even Christ the Lord. And enable us, of this household, devoted to Thee by solemn and oft repeated communion, so to build; make our-house one of a heavenly structure, raised in faith, that when time shall stay his course, when our breath fails, and friends can avail nothing; when riches, and honors, and goods are vain to hold life back from its distant flight, we may feel we have a home, a resting place, and possessions which cannot be taken from us, but which only death can make more surely ours; and so welcome the message which summons us to the judgment seat. O holy Lord God, prepare us for this sure change, that, if it come to night, even now, we may be ready, prepared to meet our Judge with joy, even Jesus Christ, our Mediator with Thee. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our God, we would dedicate this early portion of Thine own day, and a new week, more especially to Thee, and Thy service; we would ask Thee to regard us, as met in faith, and to answer us, because our united prayers offered to Thee only in the name, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, call for Thy mercy and love. Oh, let a solemn sense of Thy presence engage our minds, and call us more entirely from all thought of things in time, to a close communion with Thee, lest our petitions be but empty words, and our bended knees a profitless form; lest our hearts become harder by the very words which ask Thee to soften them. This is Thine own day, which Thou hast claimed for Thyself, and in which Thou wouldest have all men to hasten to Thee in the assembly of Thy people; to join a holy congregation in their Sabbath day's devotions; to hear Thy word, and to listen to Thine appointed ministers. Enable us to do Thy will as its hours pass away, that we may have comfort, and peace; that we may be blessed with approving consciences, and have the witness of Thy Spirit with our own spirits that we are Thy children indeed; children who have flown, in full confidence, and heavenly trust, to a loving parent for protection and safety, and who have found rest. Yea, Lord, so bless us and keep us henceforth, and establish in every good word and work to our lives' end, for Thy dear Son's sake, our Saviour, Redeemer, and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD of truth, and righteousness, from whom only proceed all good things, pour into our hearts such a love of Thee, that we may seek to know Thy will, and to be led into all truth ; that we may desire it more than gold, yea than much fine gold, and esteem it as sweeter than honey and the honeycomb. Enable us to see its importance, and that, without attaining to it, we are but groping in the darkness of spiritual ignorance, and trusting to the vain and stumbling guides which this world may afford, the end of whose ways is the blackness of darkness for ever. And so endue us with the graces of Thy Holy Spirit ; so guide, direct, and govern us, that, whilst we are seeking, each in his station and office, to attain to that wisdom which may fit us to adorn our place, and to do our duty to our fellow men, we may not fail, or come short of the mark. Give us a more earnest desire and longing, day by day, after the only lasting and substantial wisdom, an apprehension of the truth as it is in Jesus. Humble us, that we may attain to it ; subdue in us every haughty imagination, every proud thought, every high look ; take from us all boast of intellectual greatness, and enable us to regard all earthly possessions of mind or body as nothing in comparison with the saving truths which Thy Gospel teaches. Thus may we find where real happiness is, and whence it springs, and rejoice evermore in Thy truth, which is able to save us, through Jesus Christ, who is our truth, our Saviour and our God. Amen.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, receive us as we approach Thee in the name of our blessed Redeemer, and apply His redemption to the souls of each one of us, with saving efficacy. Draw us to the fountain of His blood, that we may wash and be clean; that we may, one and all, be purified from the sinful defilements which each day's intercourse with the world may bring, and strengthened to resist the assaults of the evil one, who is ever lying in wait to snare souls, and to keep them in that bondage which the deluded worldling calls pleasure. O Lord, do Thou awaken us to our danger from his constant assaults, his cunning devices, and deep laid snares. Let Thy Holy Spirit open our understandings, that we may know them as they arise, and be able to perceive when we are tempted to stray from, or to forget Thee, that we, having Thee in all our thoughts, Thy love as our chief good, and constant aim, we may fear no evil, but go on our way rejoicing, stedfast in faith, firm in hope, confident in Thy promises, and knowing that, when this earthly tabernacle shall be dissolved, we have a habitation, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. O Lord, turn our eyes thitherward; make our hearts beat for that home, as for our chief good, the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, and keep us ever in the way to it, that we wander not, nor stray. And these things we ask, O God, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer and God. Amen.

EVENING.

WE will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; we will magnify His holy name. He has done wondrous things for us, whereat we rejoice; He has dealt mercifully with us, therefore, will we proclaim His goodness day by day: our song shall be of Him early in the morning, and at eventide will we speak of Him. O Lord, such are the breathings of our spirits, when Thou hast quickened us; such is the language of our lips when Thou dost open them; but if Thou art not with us; if we withdraw ourselves from Thee, and seek not Thine aid, we go backward; we rejoice in things of time; we are absorbed in pleasure; business lays a heavy hand upon us, and this world becomes our stay. Yet Thine arm is not shortened; still Thy Spirit strives with us; the voice of conscience restlessly whispers within of our Redeemer, and tells of a gracious Saviour, and we lie down on our beds, sometimes, in sorrow that we have forgotten Thee, and been heedless of Thy commandments; though alas, too often, as if we were our own masters, and as if there were no God. O good Lord, let that Holy Spirit not only strive with us this night, but, ere we sleep, let Him convince us of our folly, our iniquity, our sin; let Him draw us unto Thee, O merciful God, by the silken cords of Thine unceasing love. And accept these our feeble though earnest aspirations, and heart-felt prayers, for the sake of Him, who is our strength, even Christ our Saviour, Thy dear Son. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Maker, from whom all good things do proceed; Thou Governor of the Universe, who orderest all things according to Thy will and pleasure, let Thine eye of love and mercy be ever upon this family and household. Keep us under Thine especial protection and guidance; let no evil come nigh our dwelling. Preserve us from the warring of the elements, from all danger by storm or tempest; from pestilence and disease; and may Thy chastisements lie ever lightly upon us. Yea, Lord, correct us, but in mercy, not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing. We do, alas, continually deserve punishment at Thine hand; we too often disobey Thy holy commandments; we refuse to learn Thy will; we seek this world's goods, we indulge imagination, and vain conceit; we wrap ourselves in our own fancies. We seek for profit, and we pant after gain; self has the mastery, and self love deceives us every day. Yet, O Lord, Thou sparest us; Thou givest us further time to repent and return unto Thee. Make us day by day more openly to acknowledge Thee in all this; may Thy name be more revered amongst us; Thy law more studied; Thy nature more reflected upon; and may we ever approach Thee with reverence and godly fear, yet with a holy confidence that Thou art our God, and wouldest not that the least of us should perish. Accept us now, O Lord, and answer our petitions, for Jesus Christ's sake, our God and Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, and heavenly Father, we again claim Thine ear, to hear our prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. Another day is taken from the sum of our lives; though death be far from us, yet is it day by day nearer, because certain, and it may be at hand. Shall we, O Lord, delay to prepare for its coming; shall we wait for a convenient season to set our house of the flesh in order. O gracious Lord, teach us heavenly wisdom; purify us from such vain and deceitful notions; show to us how the present, and the present only, is our convenient season. For now we have health, and time; now we are in full possession of intellect; now the word is brought near unto us; but, when this hour is past, what hour can we call our own; in which dare we promise to ourselves that we shall turn unto Thee in sincerity of heart, and warmth of affection, as to our best friend, our dearest object, our loving, tender Guardian, Father, Protector. Dispel from us, and all near and dear to us, every delusion of the evil one, which may lead us from thoughts of eternity, to the vanities of time; which may serve to rivet our affections to this uncertain and fleeting life, instead of having them raised by Thy Spirit to Him, who merits more than we can give, could we give life and all we have for Him, even Thy dear Son, in whose prevailing name we come and further in His own words pray:—Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD, who hast the thoughts of all men in Thy presence, who knowest them long before we ourselves can tell of them, we humbly beseech Thee by Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify us, that our minds may not be tempted to wander, by evil thoughts, from serious considerations of Thee and of Thy holiness; that we may not, in the secrecy of our own chambers, when darkness closes in, and no eye but Thine is upon us, yield to the suggestions of him who goes about seeking whom he may devour; who puts all evil imaginations into our hearts, and stirs us up continually to indulge in thoughts which our tongue would not dare to utter, and which we should dread to carry into effect. Oh, make us to remember that even the thought of foolishness is sin, and that he who dares to imagine evil; to dwell upon vain, unprofitable, or forbidden things, and deems that, by not doing, he thereby escapes iniquity, is indeed under condemnation, has forgotten Thy law, and despised Thy commandments. And more especially preserve us, when we kneel before Thee to offer up our petitions, and thanksgivings to the throne of mercy and grace, that we dare not to think of aught but the solemn service in which we are engaged; that we presume not to give our minds to other objects than Thee, since we so make our services our condemnation rather than a means of blessing. O Lord, in mercy hear us, and now and ever shield us for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

LET Thy mercy, O Lord God, still be extended to us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Let Thy Holy Spirit be now present with us, to sanctify our prayers. Teach us, by that Spirit, to subdue our evil inclinations, and to combat against our unruly wills. Enable us to perceive our most besetting sins, and not to delude ourselves, as we inquire into their extent and character. Suffer us not to err herein, but strengthen us, that we may take Thy law as our guide, and follow its holy directions, as our only sure law and rule of life and conduct, Give us submissive and teachable spirits, that we may receive the word of exhortation and reproof with humility, meekness, and patience. We need instruction much and often; we require to be corrected frequently; yet, O Lord, when Thine hand is heavy upon us, we complain, as if naught but joy were to be ours, and no disappointment should come nigh unto us, as if we were to receive only good at Thine hands, and not evil also. Oh, make us, in all Thy chastisements, to examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith; to prove our own selves if no lurking love of the world, or pleasures, is placed between our souls and Thee; if we are not in the broad way. And do Thou, when we so err, call us back by the voice of love and mercy, and give us ears to hear and hearts to understand it, that we may turn to Thee with deep sorrow and contrition, and find pardon and peace through our Redeemer, our Saviour and God, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, the Protector of all who trust in Thee, and without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, draw us to Thyself by the golden cords of Thy love, and embrace us with Thy mercy; keep us in all our goings, and be our shield and defence in every hour of trial and danger. We have been, in mercy, permitted to hear of Thee, and we have believed that Thou art God over all, blessed for ever. We have not only been baptised into the faith of our crucified Redeemer, but we have renewed our vow, and often called Thee to witness to our belief. We have professed to be the disciples of a loving Saviour; and our hearts have sometimes melted at the thought of Thy mercy and great kindness. But we have often slipped; we have wavered, and doubted when pleasure and duty have been before us; we have not been ready to proclaim ourselves, in the hour of trial, as Thine; we have dared to hesitate whom we would serve, though our hearts told us that the Lord, He is the God. Oh, keep us, good Lord, for we have not strength in ourselves. Suffer us not to fall away from the faith, to neglect the truths we have learned, to deny the Saviour who hath redeemed us, and to forget Thee our Creator, nor the Holy Ghost, our Sanctifier. Let not our record be, that our last state is worse than our first; but enable us to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, knowing that Thou art faithful, who hast promised and wilt perform, for the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we come before Thee as sinners, lost and undone, unless the blood of Jesus has been applied to our souls; we come as rebels, under condemnation, unless the purchased pardon of Jesus has been secured to us; we come, as unprofitable servants, who have wasted and hidden our talents, and against whom the uttered sentence must be executed, unless the merits of Jesus have been sought to supply our deficiency. We come, because we cannot help ourselves; because we know not how to stand unaided; because we cannot run the race that is set before us, but by Thy preventing grace. O Lord, help us, and be merciful unto us. Thou lovest us, we know, because Jesus died for us; and, therefore, we make our cry unto Thee, and ask Thee to let Thy light shine upon us, and to bless us. And do Thou, O blessed Jesus, plead our cause; take our petitions as Thine own to Thy Father and our Father, that we may have joy and peace in believing, and may feel that Thy redemption has been made effectual on our behalf. And, O Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son, come unto us, and dwell with us. Take away all rebellious and angry feelings from our hearts, and implant there the seeds of peace, that we may have peace, peace within, and peace without; the happy assurance that Thou art with us, to bless and preserve us. So shall we glorify Thee, O Triune Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, hear our prayer, and let our cry come unto Thee. We would offer an early morning sacrifice, we would lift up our hearts unto Thee; we would call upon Thee, and plead the name of Jesus. Be merciful unto us, O Lord, and give us peace. Remove from us every evil thing, and make us to love the thing that is good; take from us every impure thought, and give us a delight in Thy law after the inward man. Direct our feet into Thy paths, that we go not with the ungodly, nor run with the froward. Keep us in every hour and circumstance of life; watch over us in all our goings, and preserve us in all our doings, that our feet slip not, and that we put not our hands to things which savor not of peace. Let Him, who came to be our example as well as our Saviour, for He was man as well as God, be our eyes' dearest object, our affections' strongest hold; and enable us to make His example our rule of life here, as it will assuredly lead us to a life hereafter which shall know no end. Yea, Lord, keep us, one and all, by Thy great power, in perfect peace; give us the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, the approval of our own consciences, the certainty that we are Thy Redeemed in Christ Jesus, and that we have nothing to fear, since, having died, He has risen again to sit at Thy right hand, a Saviour and Judge, for whose sake only, we ask of Thee, O God, to hear our petitions, and to supply our wants, now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, how mercifully Thou dost deal with us; how patiently and earnestly Thou dost urge us to come to Thee, saying to each one of us, day by day, and in each act of Thy providence, why will ye die; why refuse the salvation which my Son, mine only Son, has bought for you; the rest which is yours through Him. Yes, Lord, such is the daily, hourly reasoning of Thy Spirit with us, when we see Thy providence keeping us from danger, preserving us from evil, and warding disease from us. When we read Thy Holy word, which tells of all Thy love, and mercy; man the object, his happiness the end, his salvation the design, then again we should hear, as it were, Thy gracious reasoning and remonstrance with us—Why will ye die. When we seek worldly pleasure, which gives no satisfaction; when we build on worldly hopes, which slip from under us as a sandy foundation; once more Thy words should ring in our ears, and Thine exceeding earnestness that not one sinner may die, should arouse us to serious, instant consideration. O Lord, enable us to consider; strengthen us to weigh our state, to look upon ourselves as we are, and, in Thy word, to see ourselves as we might and ought to be, and then draw us yet more and more by the cords of Thy love, and subdue our fleshly natures, that we may come unto Thee, naked, to be clothed by Thee, to obtain the graces of Thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our God and Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, most merciful and mighty, O holy and blessed Jehovah, who madest all things, and hast in Thine own hands, the spirits of all Thy creatures, moulding them as it seemeth good unto Thee; hear our prayer, for we would have Thee, in mercy, to take our spirits, and to fashion them to the likeness of His, who took our nature upon Him, that He might teach us man's duty, power, and responsibility. He walked, in His human nature, as we do, through this naughty world, subject to temptations, suffering from poverty, and despised by His own people, whom He came to save. He bore reproach, all undeserved; unkindness, where love should have abounded; and yet was He kind, patient, forgiving; ready to help in every hour of distress, to alleviate in every case of misery, and to cure every disease. He went about doing good, for His work was to do His father's will. Oh, help us, Thy redeemed children, to do this work also; to remember that, in Christ, we are heirs of an eternal inheritance; that, if we walk as he walked, then shall we be where He is, even at Thy right hand. But we cannot do this without Thine aid; for, unless the Spirit help us, we can neither do Thy will here, nor be with Thee hereafter. For Christ's sake, be merciful unto us now, send Thy Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, to lead us into all truth, and to keep us in the steps of Him, who is gone before, even of Him our Saviour, and bless us now and ever, for His sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

WITH the close of another week, O Almighty God, we come into Thy presence. Open our mouths, we beseech Thee, that we may speak Thy praise. Let our lips tell of Thee, and our tongues utter Thy wonders. Though we are rebels, Thou art merciful; though we forget Thee, and act frowardly, Thou still regardest us, and, remembering the death of Thine own dear Son, doest so in mercy. Pity pleads for us, and Jesu's voice obtains a respite. We are not dealt with according to our deservings, but we are, in great mercy, spared a little while, that we may acknowledge our transgressions, that we may repent us of our sins, that we may seek Thee and Thy pardoning grace, and, through Christ our Mediator, may have assurance of forgiveness, and peace. O Lord, let us not henceforth spend the time vouchsafed for such a purpose in sin; let it not pass us unheeded, as a useless thing, but make us to remember that each minute wasted will witness against us at the last; each hour misapplied will call for judgment upon us. And, with this awful truth upon our minds, take us into Thine house on the morrow, that we may, through Thine appointed ordinances, seek Thee with fervor and holy desire, that we may profit by Thy word, and have an answer to our prayers; and that, finding Thy promise assured to us, we may come away filled with heavenly joy and comfort, to the glory of Thy name in Christ Jesus. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD Almighty, who hast given us an assurance of happiness and peace to come; who hast sealed us the children of promise; of Thy promise of heavenly things; enable us, we beseech Thee, to see Thy mercy and goodness in this great act, and to value it as we ought. We do not value Thy gifts, O Lord, else should we seek them. As a nation, we sin continually by neglecting Thee, by despising Thy law, and outraging Thy commandments; as a household, we forget Thee continually, and prefer our own interests, to our duty; we look to ourselves and what we call pleasure here, and think not of a Saviour and bliss eternal hereafter. As individuals we busy ourselves in matters which have no profit; in affairs which concern us not; we run here and there, and would do aught rather than serve Thee. O Lord, against how many thousands shall judgement pass this day, because they will not know it as Thine; because they will not remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. And yet they, together with us, are the children of promise; a promise we all despise, and so forfeit. Oh, let Thy Spirit now strive with us, and bring us to better thoughts, and holier actions; let His heavenly aid be our stay, and a Saviour's dying love, our comfort. Take us to Thine house in holy fear and joy; and enable us to worship Thee there in the beauty of holiness, that we may rejoice in it as Thine house which Christ Himself hallows by His presence, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we are in bondage unto sin, which reigneth in our mortal bodies; and we are subject unto the power and dominion of the devil. He leads us captive as he will, and often, the while, persuades us that we are walking in the light; he makes the false glare of error, and the fancied enjoyment of evil, to appear as the true shining of the Sun of righteousness; he makes us believe that the appearance in Thy temple, the bending of the knee, the bowing of the head, fasting, and stated prayers, are all meritorious, and that, when we have done these, we are acceptable in Thy sight, that we have spent our Sabbath as a day of rest; that we have remembered to keep it holy. Yea, Lord, we know that sin is the purchased birth-right of all men, that all have sinned, and become the children of wrath; but do we act, have we this day acted as if our hearts were affected by this truth. Have we in sincerity worshiped Thee; have we come to Thee, as helpless and unclean, to be strengthened and purified; as hungering and thirsting after righteousness, that we might be filled, have we felt that we are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Thy table, and yet that Thou wilt feed sufficiently all who come to Thee. Oh, read our hearts, and deal with us according to Thy mercy in Christ Jesus; pardon our short comings this day, and strengthen us for the future; give us an entire and abiding faith in Thee, and Thy dear Son, and for His sake be our Governor, and help us by Thy Holy Spirit, that our Sabbaths may be Sabbaths indeed. Amen.

MORNING.

O GRACIOUS Lord, look upon us as a nation, and in pity regard the Church of this land. See the iniquity that abounds among professing Christians; behold the sins which even those who are named by the holy name of our Redeemer are daily committing, thus doing despite to Thy Spirit, trampling underfoot the cross of Christ, and putting Him to open shame. Week after week opens with Thy Sabbath, and thousands congregate as if to worship Thee; but, forgetful of all their profession, and the solemn engagements which they so lately acknowledged in Thy house of prayer, they rush again into the world, they begin this day, as if Thou wert asleep to their doings, or beheldest them only on Thy day of rest. Fraud is used, falsehood prevails; the love of money sways; ambition leads its votaries; and pleasure drugs the souls of multitudes. Oh, do Thou rise in Thy strength to rebuke these things; do Thou speak terribly to us, that we may amend, lest ruin pursue us, and we fall in our sins. Thou hast warned us in Thy word; Thy threatenings are plain and fearful; make us to bear them, and to pause in our career. Let each heart tremble; may we be led to look well to our ways and doings, and may we seek Thee, not only in Thine house, and on thy Sabbaths, but day by day, and everywhere, in every act, under all circumstances. And bless us as a nation; keep Thy church among us, a shining light; its members living stones, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, it is a fearful thing to fall into Thy hands, for judgment is Thine, and we know that Thou wilt in no wise excuse the guilty. Which of us is this night ready to meet Thee face to face? O Lord, put this question to us, by Thy Spirit; press it home upon us; make our hearts to feel and acknowledge its importance; and oh, grant that we deceive not ourselves in the reply we give. Let us not fall into the delusion that, because we rose from our beds this morning in safety, and are now in health and strength, therefore, we are secure for tonight also; for who can call even the passing moment his own, much less the future, in its nearest minute. Time is, but it shall not be; the existence of today must cease; and the hour of our dissolution will come. O Lord, enable us to reflect on this solemn truth, with the seriousness of one who feels his all depends upon the result. To neglect now, may be to secure condemnation at that day, when every word, and deed, and thought shall be brought to remembrance, and every neglected opportunity rise as a witness against us before the great Judge. And now, Lord, bless us; let Thy blessing be ours in and through this our evening meeting; accompany us by Thy Spirit to our chambers; deal with us in mercy and pity; keep us from all danger, and strengthen us in the faith, that we may trust only in Him who is our Mediator with Thee to plead now and ever for us, Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, great and glorious, Thou Giver of all good things, and sole Author of every blessing, how little have we deserved at Thine hands, and yet how much have we received. We have had no claim, and yet Thy bounty has been unfailing; we could look for nothing, and yet Thy goodness has kept, and provided for us. We have not walked in Thy ways, and yet Thou hast preserved us when danger was nigh; and, when sickness was round about, Thine arm shielded us. O Lord, make us thankful for all these undeserved mercies and blessings; yea, enable us to express our thankfulness in deed, as well as in word; to tell of Thy goodness, and to walk in Thy law. Thus, Lord, may we prove ourselves to all men to be Thy disciples. And, if Thou hast denied us any good thing; if Thou hast withheld the thing we asked for, let not our mouths complain; close our lips against the utterance of one murmur, or of any evil; let not discontent lay hold on us. Teach us to see a merciful Providence overruling every event; turning all things not only to Thy glory and honor, but to the good of Thy creatures. And enable us to use the good we have as not abusing it. Shew us the great abundance of blessings which surround all, even the lowest and most mean of Thy creatures, for unto the poor is the gospel, that store house of every good for both soul and body, preached. And lead us all to its rule as our guide, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, almighty, and eternal, let Thy presence hallow our meeting, and our prayers be an evening sacrifice acceptable with Thee. We come in faith, because Thou hast promised to hear prayer; and Thou lovest the petitions of the sincere penitent. Thou ever waitest to be gracious unto all men; to have mercy, and to forgive. Thou wouldest not that any should perish, and Thou hast given a merciful earnest and security for this in the death of Thy dear Son. Thou hast, indeed, been gracious to Thine erring and sinful creatures, in that Thou didst forget Thine anger in overflowing love; and, when we deserved punishment, didst offer a medium, through which and only which, we might find reconciliation, pardon, and peace, and have an eternal inheritance secured to us in heaven. Day by day should we kneel before Thee in grateful remembrance of Thy goodness and mercy. With tongues of praise should we hourly acknowledge Thy forbearance, and long-suffering towards us. Oh, enable us to do this, we beseech Thee; make us now and ever sincere in our gratitude, and humble in our prayers. Give us an entire dependence upon Thee and Thy love, and strength and determination to seek it ever, that we may secure more and more of that love; that we may grow in grace and in Thy favor day by day. And grant these things, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Him who died to make us heirs of eternal salvation, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thine hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is Thine ear heavy, that it cannot hear; if danger falls upon us, it is not because Thou art too weak to ward it off; if our prayers be not answered, it is not that Thine ear is sealed by age, for Thou knowest not time and its changes; Thou art eternal, and with Thee is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. But our iniquities have separated between us and our God; our sins have hid Thy face from us, that Thou wilt not hear. Oh, pardon, good Lord, and let the sound of Jesu's name, uttered in humble faith, prevail for us. Let it open Thine ear to hear, and let it procure an answer, now in our hour of prayer. Ere we rise from our knees, good Lord, convince each one of us, that, when Thou dost not answer, it is because our sins stand in the way; and teach us, that we may know, that if aught but the name of Jesus have its place between Thee and us, there is no hope, no reply, no mercy ours. Make us to feel that we have no merits to plead, no good works to advance, no saints to call upon, none but Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, the one and only Intercessor between Thee and fallen man. And make us also to remember that He ever liveth to make this intercession, so that we may have confidence, and hope, and come ever to Thee, as we now do, as a reconciled Father in Him, as One who waiteth to be gracious, and who will grant all things good for us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, the Source of every good, the Author of every blessing; whom to know is eternal life; give us, we beseech Thee, that life. Make it ours now by faith, and hereafter in its full and blessed reality. But, Lord, teach every one of us to understand that, though Thy gift, we may refuse to accept it; and that, unless we seek, we cannot find it. We have much to do; the task is ours to secure the prize, to run, as in a race, to make our calling and election sure; to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. O God, enable us, by Thy grace and Holy Spirit, to do this. Pour out upon each one of us abundantly of Thy blessing and favor, lest we walk under a delusion, and say to ourselves, peace, peace, when there is no peace. Our hearts are deceitful; they mislead and deceive, promising things never to be performed; telling of joys, as if ours, which we must never know. We rest content in our righteousness, and bow the knee as a cold duty. We pass the greater part of our days in the mists of indifference, or in the darkness of error. Ere we go hence, good Lord, enlighten us; shew us Thy Son Jesus Christ as our only hope, and convince us that an unwavering faith in Him is our only hope for safety. Enable us ever to walk in His steps, to follow His holy example; and open our mouths ever in the language of humble but confiding prayer, and bless this our evening service, for His sake, O gracious Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and, therefore, refusest to hear the prayer save of the contrite one, give us, we humbly beseech Thee, contrite hearts, fully sensible of their own naughtiness, of the deceit that ever lurks within them, of their pollution by nature, and entire alienation from Thee. Yea, Lord, implant within us a due sense of this truth, and its importance; make us to see it as the root of all christianity; its acknowledgment as the first step in grace. And then, good Lord, teach us to come to Thee; draw us to Thyself, to be purified and cleansed, and shew us the Saviour, whose blood alone can effect this. Let us not say, we have done this; we do this Sabbath after Sabbath, in Thine house; day by day at our family altar, and in our own chambers at sun rising, and when day closes upon us; but shew us, that doing all this, our hearts may even yet be corrupt and unclean before Thee, too evil to be looked upon by Thine eye of love and mercy. Humble us, now, especially in the days of our blessed Lord's humiliation, under a full sense of our unworthiness, and implant in us a saving faith in Him, an increasing love for Him, that He being our Pattern and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, we may so cleave to Thee here, that finally we lose not the things which are eternal; but that we may dwell with Thee for ever hereafter. Oh, grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, most holy, Thou great and adorable God, before whom all flesh must stand, and with whom justice as well as mercy is an unfailing attribute, receive us in these our supplications, and let not Thy wrath be kindled at us, though we have erred again this day, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. Oh, let Thy dear Son plead for us; let His name prevail on our behalf, and His death be our life, through faith. Give us a watchful care over ourselves, more especially when we call to mind Thy declaration,—“It is impossible but that offences will come.” Make us to look carefully into every motive for action, before we act, and restrain us from acting until we feel we can give to Thee the reason which impels us; until we dare to open to Thee our whole design, and to ask Thy blessing upon it. We know that we do very often offend Thee, because we are not sufficiently watchful in this matter; because we are determined to walk more by sight than by faith; and yet we would not offend Thee, not only because woe is denounced unto him through whom offences come, but because Thou hast deserved our love and gratitude, because Thou hast purchased each one of us unto Thyself, and wouldest not that the least of us should perish. Remember not then our offences; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed, and be not angry with us for ever, but accept us in the Beloved, for Jesus Christ is our Mediator and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY Father and God, we rejoice before Thee in the light of another day; we praise Thee that Thou hast preserved us through the darkness of night; that Thy hand has been over us, and that Thine arm has protected us. We acknowledge that it is of Thy mercy only we are here met together; that we have this renewed opportunity to worship Thee through our Mediator and Intercessor, and we call upon His holy name, as we approach Thee, that our offering may be acceptable in Thy sight; and that we may be blessed in it. We see the bright light of the morning; it has dispelled the gloom of past hours, and the sun, its source, goeth forth to do Thy bidding. O Lord, do Thou call forth light into our hearts; do Thou bid the Sun of righteousness so to shine in them, yea, in each one, that the darkness of sin and error which has made them gloomy indeed, may be dispersed, and that the full day may dawn upon us. Lead and guide us, O good Lord, that we may henceforth walk, as in the day, without stumbling, carefully, and quietly; that we may rejoice as those who go forth from the refreshment of sleep, and the stillness of their chambers, to activity and work, to the full exercise of faculties and powers which Thou hast given us for good. So, Lord, be our Guide and Strength this day; so be our Companion, our Friend and Counsellor, and keep us from sin, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our God, we would approach Thee in the attitude of humble prayer; we would come unto Thee, with the language of dependent creatures, oh, increase our faith, and endue us with the spirit of prayer; make us sincere and earnest in these and all our petitions to the throne of mercy and grace. Enable us to realise more fully than we have hitherto done, our entire dependence on Thee, and then to use that means of grace which Thou hast mercifully appointed, prayer, whereby, in the name of Christ, we can approach Thee, can commune with Thee, and secure from Thee peace, and a blessing. Teach us the simplicity of prayer; that it is the sincere expression of a want to Him who can remove it, with an humble petition that it may be removed. Endue us with such an entire faith in Thy promises, in Thy love, and in the many proofs which Thou hast given that he who cometh unto Thee shall in no wise be cast out, that we may come, pleading a dying Saviour's love, and resting only in Thy power as all-sufficient to loose us from the bonds of sin, to relieve us from the curse of a broken law, to purify our corrupt hearts, and to strengthen us in every hour of need and trial. Hear us, in this our evening service, O good Lord, and answer us, that we may retire to our rest with a quiet conscience, and lie down to sleep strong in Him who is the strength of all believers; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thy ways are not as our ways, nor are our thoughts as Thine. Thou art love, and Thou shewest forth Thy precious attribute through every moment of the life of each of Thy creatures. But we are wedded to self; we think first how we may prosper in our doings; how we may profit in our undertakings; and then, if we do so at all, we care for others. We seek after pleasure, and count not the sacrifice which others make to promote it. But Thy pleasure is in Thy creatures prosperity, Thy profit is in their salvation. Do they rejoice, then Thou art glad, because they have seen the light of Thy countenance; for none can rejoice where Thou art not. And, O Lord, how our thoughts wander from our soul's good, which occupies all Thine; how they are given to profitless speculation, when Thine are bent on our salvation. We do not study Thy word, therefore, our thoughts are not as Thine, for Thine we cannot otherwise know. We read it, we hear it, but we ask not the Holy Spirit's aid that its sacred lessons may be impressed on our hearts, may influence our lives, and rule our conduct. We do not make it our pleasure, nor can we find delight in it, as in the discovery of a rich treasure. Let Thy pardoning grace accompany us from this hour; go forth with us, we beseech Thee, and lead us in the right way, even by Christ our Saviour; direct our thoughts, that He may occupy them, and that His redemption may be our dearest theme, for He is our only Saviour, our Hope unto death. Amen.

EVENING.

O EVERLASTING God, our Rock and Guide, Thou hast ever been the defence of Thy people in the hour of danger, Thou hast been their refuge, in every trial, and their stronghold when temptation assailed; and Thou art ever present with those who seek Thee, with diligence, earnestness, and perseverance, through Him who is the way, even our Saviour Jesus Christ. When blackness comes upon any of Thy creatures through sorrow or affliction, then Thou lovest to shed the beams of Thy mercy upon their fainting souls; when any are weary, then Thou delightest to lead and support them; to refresh their burdened spirits. And Thou guidest them in mercy by the waters of comfort; Thou showest them where is rest, and they are refreshed by Thee. Such, O Lord, we acknowledge, with thankfulness and gratitude, has been Thy dealing with us; we have seen and felt Thy love, and our hearts have rejoiced in Thy salvation. Forsake us not now, good Lord; leave us not, nor desert us, but be Thou our ever present help; stay us by Thy good Providence; bless our rest this night, make it a quiet preparation for the duties of the morrow, that we may rise refreshed, and anxious to enter into the courts of Thy house, because Thou hast loved us. And we would thus shew our love, though faint it be, in return; we would endeavour to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness, and we would seek more of Thy Holy Spirit to aid and guide us in all our doings, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God, not of the dead, but of the living. Thou who hast declared Thyself from time to time to Thy creatures, and hast proclaimed Thy law. Awaken us, we pray Thee, to such a living faith, that we, being no longer dead in trespasses and sins, may have Thee as our God, and live unto Thee all the days of our life. Lord, on this day, Thine own appointed day of rest, give to our disquieted spirits rest and comfort; make them to own this as a Sabbath indeed, free from the disturbance of sin, the unrest of iniquity, the excitement of worldly pleasure or profit. Enable us to appreciate Thee more than we have hitherto done; to understand Thee better. Take us into Thine house; accompany us there by Thy Spirit; watch over us, and whilst there restrain our thoughts. Open our understandings and our hearts, that we may hear and comprehend the words of Thy law, and the instruction of Thy ministers, and so return to our home, rejoicing in the holy privilege vouchsafed to us by Thy mercy. Yea, Lord, grant that we may bring away with us, and feed on, the bread of life which has been broken to us, that our souls may be satisfied. And do Thou also bless, in like manner, all near and dear to us, wheresoever they may be; satisfy them with Thy Spirit; so shall many praise Thee for Thy goodness, and glorify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of all who come unto Thee by Him, hear our prayers, and receive us as penitent children, coming to unburden their sin-laden minds to the Giver of pardon, peace, and deliverance. Yet, Lord, we have often done this; we have often taken Thy name into our lips, and professed to serve Thee, as we have again, this day done, with sincerity and affection, whilst our hearts have not been Thine, and we must own, that much of hypocrisy has mingled with, and rendered ineffectual, our best services, not only on this day, but throughout our lives. We have professed more than we felt; we have proclaimed ourselves to be sinners, deluding ourselves, the while, with the idea, that we were acceptable in Thy sight. Pardon us, we beseech Thee; give us more real knowledge; enable us to see the wisdom of appearing only as we are, and of regarding man but as in Thy sight; not seeking to please him, except by deeds and words which we could justify before Thee. Take from us that natural pride, which encourages and fosters so much hypocrisy and deceit within us; and humble us in mercy, not with judgment, lest Thou bring us to nothing. Oh, lead us, we beseech Thee, to the humble Jesus as our Pattern and Guide, and bless and keep us now and ever for His sake, for He is our Advocate and Mediator with Thee, O holy Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, gracious and merciful, who hast declared, that no man can enter into Thy kingdom unless he be born of water and of the Spirit, receive us, who have been born of water, who have been baptised in Thy name, and bear upon us the mark of a Christian soldier. Endue us, we beseech Thee, with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may have ministered unto us an abundant entrance into Thy kingdom. Enable us to understand the blessed and glorious privilege to which we have been called ; to value that great benefit which Thou didst mercifully confer upon us, when we were admitted into Thy church on earth, and made Thy covenant servants in Christ Jesus. Alas, it is a privilege we too little value ; it is a benefit, we too lightly esteem ; we know not its importance, and, therefore, we do not use it as we ought. We can esteem earthly titles and privileges, and strive after them ; we can obey worldly conditions, and perform our covenants to men, with zeal and perfectness ; but to Thee, O God, we turn not ; we seem to forget Thee, and to walk frowardly, choosing our own ways, and hewing out for ourselves broken cisterns which will hold no water. O Lord, mercifully correct and instruct us ; guide us with the gentleness of Thy love ; and, in Thy due time, take us from our work here, to that rest which Thou hast prepared for all who love Thee, purchased for us by Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate, through whom we now and ever come to Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, another day is closing upon us, and we are reminded that time flies fast; another period of our lives is now ending, and we are warned to prepare for that great end, when to us time shall be no more; when the angel of death shall give the summons, and we shall pass to our last account. O Lord, teach us the awful import of this daily lesson; enable us to reflect upon it frequently, even every day, as the shadows of night curtain us in, and teach us Thy lessons in their emphatic silence. It concerns us all alike; each one of us has an equal interest in the message; an equal part in that great work, for, after death, must come the judgment. May we learn this truth in its completeness; may we value it by its importance, and be led by Thy Holy Spirit to use the talent entrusted to us of reading the book of Thy providence, hourly open before us. We are too fond of rest and ease; we love a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep. Let Thy trumpet voice startle us to thought; we dream, let conscience disturb, and waken us to the reality which surrounds us; lest we pass the precious days when Thy mercy is offered, and Thy love pleads, and neither benefit by, nor accept those freely offered gifts. And bless our humble evening sacrifice. May our faith be so sincere as to make it acceptable with Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our great High Priest, our only hope and stay here and for eternity. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, whose name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens. Thou who hast marvelously shewn forth Thy power from time to time, in great signs and wonders, overruling evil for good, and turning the engines of Satan against himself; staying up the poor and needy by the bread of Thy word, and casting down the rich and full to misery and distress, look upon us, we beseech Thee as a nation, visit and help us. We cry unto Thee for pardon of our great sins, for we have, as a people, forgotten Thee; the multitude go about following their own inventions; the few, only the few, O Lord, seek Thee. Satan holds us with a strong hand; but Thou canst loosen his grasp, and set us free. Oh, deliver us, and give not Thine heritage to confusion. Pour upon us more of the spirit of prayer and supplication; gather us together in greater numbers to worship in Thy holy temple, that the voice of the multitude in their earnest petitions may be as the sound of many waters; of the sea when it is full. And keep us, that we faint not; stay up our hands by Thy Spirit and strengthen us in the inner man, that we may speak boldly for Thee; that we may contend earnestly on Thy behalf; that we call upon all who are within our reach to pray for the peace of this people and nation, to seek their Saviour's interceding love and the Spirit's holy strength, and to worship Thee and them, three persons and one God for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who searchest the hearts, and knowest the spirits of men, and who perceivest the weakness of our nature, be merciful unto us, and let Him, who once tried a life in the flesh, that He might redeem us unto Himself, plead for us, and be our propitiation with Thee. Let Thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; we do not even apprehend our necessities; we cannot tell our real wants; we fancy, and we seek a relief, but find none, for Thou hearest only the cry of the really necessitous. Enable us, good Lord, to search and try ourselves; to examine ourselves by Thy holy word; and so to prove our own selves, and then to come to Thee as needy, and wanting relief; as poor, and requiring Thine aid to give us the only gift for which we ought to cry unceasingly, even Thy Holy Spirit. We pray not only for ourselves, but for all our relations and friends; for our neighbors, and especially for those who are out of the way; who are sunk in ignorance and sin; who are earning to themselves the wages of iniquity, and purchasing to themselves, despite Thy merciful warnings, Thy often repeated threats, that ruin, which must follow on sin. Oh, let Thy word go forth with power, open the mouths of Thy faithful servants to proclaim it aloud and everywhere, that many may daily be converted and live; that many may daily hear of Thee, and believe, may daily know that Thou hast redeemed them. And grant this for Thy dear Son's sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, arise in Thy might, and shew Thy power among us; let Thy voice startle us, and Thy threatenings break the sad slumber of negligence and indifference into which we have fallen. Let Thy Holy Spirit shew us our sin, our grievous offence against Thee in this cold, and unthinking state of life we lead. Thou hast tried to persuade us to come unto Thee; Thou hast gently bid us to seek Thee early, and Thou hast promised to receive all who come, to be found of all who seek. The Saviour of mankind, Thine own eternal Son, has bid us cast all our care upon Him, because He careth for us; and the Spirit, our Sanctifier, has striven with our spirits in gentle accents; but alas, how vain has all this influence been; like the voice of the preacher of righteousness of old, it has been disregarded by a froward and rebellious people. And must we ask for a more startling shew of Thy love. Yea, Lord, lest we perish. Save us by any means. Shew us that Thou hast a favor unto us, though it be by the judgments which fell upon the wanderers of the wilderness. And, oh, save us of this household; give us faith; a patient, enduring, saving faith; consciences washed from the taint of sin; hearts at peace with Thee; and hands ever ready to do Thy bidding. Make us to be living temples of Thee by the Spirit, and may we rest only for salvation on its Rock and Tower, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor, glory, and dominion *now and for evermore.* Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our Maker, we, the creatures of Thy hand, the sustained of Thy providence, come again with the voice of supplication into Thy presence, and our hearts rejoice that we have an access to Thee in Christ our Mediator. Oh, make us to reflect more of His likeness, as we approach Thee; to seek to be more of His character; to imitate Him the more, the more we feel need of Thy sustaining power, of Thy soul renewing grace. And give us singleness of eye to see ourselves in the glass of truth; to read ourselves by Thy holy word, and so to learn our need of Thee and Thy mercy. Enable us to keep a strict watch, that we deceive not ourselves; that our tongue speak no evil, whilst our hand is put forth only for right; that we make not a profession with our lips which our daily walk denies; and teach us a wholesome fear of Thee, that we offend not. Thou canst accomplish all Thy will in us; Thou canst strengthen us to fulfil Thy law, and keep our feet in the paths of peace. For our blessed Lord's sake, be gracious unto us; loose the bands of sins which hold us; and give us the full light of Thy countenance, so shall we prosper in all our doings; so shall we have peace with Thee, and our own consciences; so shall we pass through things temporal, that finally we loose not the things which are eternal. O grant this, we beseech Thee, for Thy mercy and love are great, and Thou art ever ready to answer the prayer of faith; and give us that faith, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast brought us safely to the beginning of another day ; Thou hast kept us through the night from evil and danger, and hast blessed us with refreshing rest and sleep. Thy hand has been over us, and Thy loving kindness has sheltered us ; Thine arm has been stretched forth to protect, and, therefore, nothing has done us violence. Make us duly thankful for this goodness and continued grace, and give us hearts ready to acknowledge them. Do Thou this day enable us to shew forth our 'gratitude by an unceasing service. May we walk, through all its hours, before Thee, in the light of Thy countenance ; may we strive to please and serve Thee, by every act we do, every word we say, and every thought which we harbor or indulge. May we struggle against every known error, every darling, or indulged sin, and seek Thy Spirit's aid to strengthen us, lest temptation come, and we fall. May we reflect much on the life of Him who was tempted, even as we are ; who was encompassed with every fleshly infirmity, but sinned not. May a thought of that Saviour's life animate our zeal, increase our hope, and give us new energy and determination to walk with and for Him before Thee. May we find Him our choicest, as He is, our best, Friend, and may we cleave to Him, as to the only Anchor of hope in this world of storms and difficulties ; and may Thy blessing attend each one of us this day and for ever, for His sake. *Amen.*

. EVENING.

O LORD, open Thou our mouths, that we may speak Thy praise; touch our hearts that we may long for Thee, seek for Thee, and weary not. Oh how we pant for the good things of life; how we labor early, and late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; if so be we may heap to ourselves riches, and find pleasure, and collect around us friends, and secure this world's goods. Oh, how the shadows of time dim our eyes to the lustre of eternity, and blind our perceptions of spiritual things. Oh, how we crowd together, and follow a multitude to do evil, instead of associating with Thy worshipping people, who had rather be door keepers in Thy house than dwell in the palace tents of wickedness; who look not for their pleasure here, nor make their business of things of time, but whose delight is in Thy law, in which they exercise themselves day and night, and who lay up for themselves treasures in heaven, because there are their hearts and affections. Let Thy Spirit, we earnestly pray Thee, strive with us, that we may turn and not die; that we may see our folly and danger, as we pursue the worldling's course; that we may now, without delay, without waiting for a more convenient season, a season which is not, seek Thee; for now Thou mayest be found; now Thou art nigh, now Thou urgest us to flee unto Thee. We come, Lord; oh, hear, receive, and answer us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, we have met together, in Thy dear Son's name, that Thy blessing may be continued to us, and that we may have more strength to combat this day the evil one than we have hitherto found. We war not with flesh and blood, therefore, we seek not earthly weapons; we strive not for a mastery with men, therefore we ask not human aid; but our warfare is spiritual, therefore, we come to Thee to help and deliver us. Thou hast promised to be found of all who seek Thee; Thou hast declared Thy will to succour all who flee unto Thee; and Thy promise has never failed, Thy will has never varied. Thou hast said and Thou wilt do it. Oh, enable us then so to resist the devil, that he shall flee from us. Give us that pure and unwavering faith which shall make us bold to withstand, and strong to stand, in every assault. Shew us that wisdom which is only from Thee, by which we may foil him in his cunning, and be ready to meet his every attack. Let Thy Holy Spirit instruct us, and especially set before us the example of our blessed Lord, who, in the days of His flesh, was tempted like as we are, yet without sin; and who has, by His combat with the evil one, taught us how to carry on the warfare and to conquer, even by wielding the sword of the Spirit, which is Thy word. Oh, help us now and ever, that we may have that peace which passeth all understanding; that we may be more than conquerors, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O GRACIOUS Lord, our God, our Governor, to Thee must every knee bow, and at Thy name every head sink low, for Thou art Lord of all. Thou art our Saviour, and shalt one day be our Judge; Thou, Jehovah Jesus, reignest; let men rebel, or the sons of men conspire, against Thee, yet Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the sceptre of Thy kingdom is a right sceptre, and Thy dominion is over all lands. We cannot flee Thy searching eye, which scans our very thoughts; we cannot avoid Thy threatened wrath, which burneth as a fire for ever, save that we seek, in humble penitence, Thy atoning aid with Thy Father, our Father and God. And yet, Lord, we have often, and this day also, forgotten Thee, and walked according to our own inventions; we have been bold in our own presumption; we have stood as masters, when we should have bent as slaves. Pardon, oh pardon, we pray Thee, good Lord, and plead our cause; remember not our offences, but let Thy love arise, and kindle into warmth for us. Oh, grant that we may call to mind all Thou didst endure for us, and so crucify Thee not afresh. Oh, that we may remember Thy suffering, the scorn Thou didst endure for us men and for our salvation, and no more put Thee to open shame, but let the people know that Thou art God, and that we worship Thee as such, one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose we are and whom we ought to serve, be merciful unto us; and bless us. Remember, O Lord, Thy mercies of old time; how Thou didst delight to assist Thy people, Thy chosen heritage, even Israel; how Thou leddest them, and then, O Lord, so lead and assist us; shew us the paths of righteousness; tell unto us the way in which we ought to go; declare Thy loving kindness, and oh, persuade us to flee unto Thee. Be, indeed, our Father, tender and compassionate; correcting, not in anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing. We need, O Lord, to turn to Thee with more sincerity and zeal than we have hitherto done; we are called, by Thy word, Thy love, Thy providential dealings, to give ourselves to Thy service with more devotion, and truth. Enable us to do this. Make it our chief delight, our first desire. Teach us that Thy courts are pleasant, and that Thy worship is profitable. Make us to see Thee in all things; to trace Thy finger in every herb and flower; to observe Thy providential government in all events, through all time; and in every creature Thou hast made. And enable us, hence, by Thy Holy Spirit, to learn daily more and more of Thee, and Thy attributes, and requirements, and so daily to become more assimilated to the character of Him who is our example, even Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, we ascribe all honor, glory, and dominion, now and for ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O EVERLIVING God, another evening brings us to the mercy seat, and Thy Spirit would have us come in holy faith, with cheerful obedience, and relying love. But, alas, our nature is corrupt, and we are obstinate, self-willed, perverse; we resist that Spirit's influence, we withstand His gracious motions, we despise His heavenly councils, because we will not have Thee to rule over us, because we do not like to own a mastery in any but ourselves. Pride reigns within us, we seek to be great; we would realise the promise of the serpent to Eve, and be as gods, and so we follow him, we obey him, we worship him. O Lord, how often we do this, when we vainly think we worship Thee. Now, even now, what are our thoughts; what holy desires occupied our minds before this our meeting; what instruction have we drunk in from Thy word; what heavenly truths are now learned and stored from our service, to fit us more entirely to dwell with Thee for ever. Does not conscience even now tell us we are condemned in this thing; that we have been vainly endeavoring to deceive Thee, whilst we have deluded ourselves, and that we have thus provoked, most justly, Thy wrath and indignation against us. Oh, pardon us, we beseech Thee; let not our prayers return unto us void, but grant unto us a better spirit. Touch our stony hearts, take them, O Lord, and give us hearts of flesh, and make this hour a preparation for the morrow, that we may pass a Sabbath indeed, holy unto Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou art very gracious and merciful, and Thou hast blessed us with the dawn of another Sabbath. We are again called to observe another day of holy rest; to give ourselves to services of praise and prayer, and to think of Thee and Thy dwelling place, even the inheritance which Christ hath purchased for us, and which is ours, if we only make our calling to it, and our election sure. Let Thy Spirit, we pray Thee, now descend on each one here present; may His holy influence pervade each heart; and kindle in us such desires, and heavenly thoughts, as may fit us for Thy service, especially on this Thine own day; as may make us learn to enter into Thy house, as the place where Thine honor dwelleth, and which Thou hast sanctified to Thyself as the house of prayer for all generations. Take us there, O God, and bless us whilst there; keep us from wandering thoughts, from evil and vain imaginations; close our minds to the world, its business, its pleasures, its allurements; and, when we leave its sacred portals, let us remember that it is still Thy day, a day of holy rest, of heavenly quiet; a day for serious thought, and deep meditation; for close self-examination, and secret prayer; a day over which we have no control, but, to misuse one moment of which is sin. Yea, Lord, impress this truth upon us, and strengthen us to walk in it this day and ever, for the sake of Him, who, whilst in the flesh, observed it, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our Maker, and Governor, ere this Thy day of sacred rest close upon us, and we seek our chambers for the refreshment and repose of sleep, accept our united tribute of praise and thanksgiving for the mercies of its past hours. Open Thou our lips that we may speak such praise as is Thy due ; and so influence our hearts, that their holy warmth may give an upward impulse to our evening sacrifice, and make it acceptable, through our Redeemer, unto Thee. We have heard Thy word, and listened to the solemn record which brought before us a dying Saviour's closing hours of shame and suffering ; and we have thus been led to contemplate a scene in which we all have an interest, deep as the value of an eternal soul. O Lord, enable us to lay it to heart ; make us to feel it, as the redeemed of that Saviour should, with humiliation of spirit, and a sorrow working in us repentance and contrition. Make us, from it, to long for a returning Sabbath, when we may again enter into Thy house, to celebrate the completion of the glorious work wrought on our behalf. And, oh, do Thou pardon those who, in blind indifference, or cold infidelity, have this day perished their immortal souls by absenting themselves from Thy worship. Make them to see their error, ere it be too late ; for only Thou canst do it ; human eloquence and persuasion alike fail ; human authority is in vain. And do Thou diminish their number day by day, and seal us all Thine, body, soul, and spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth; Thou who hast threatened to tread down Thy people who are not with Thee, Thy redeemed, who follow Thee not, and who hast shewed forth Thy fury burning like fire, and Thine anger terrible in its kindling, because Thou couldst be appeased only by the death and sufferings of Thine own, Thine only, Thy beloved Son, in whom Thou didst delight; rouse us, now, whilst we have energy to stir, we pray Thee, to a sense of our danger, and our sins; let Thy Holy Spirit waken us from the palsyng delusion that we are safe, and have nothing to do; that we may sit no longer with our arms folded, and our minds at ease; that we rest not henceforth satisfied as we are, saying to our souls peace, peace, when there is no peace. Let the events we are now called, day by day, to consider from Thy holy word weigh with our consciences, and bring them home to us with power. Enable us to follow the Saviour of mankind, our Saviour, through all His trials, and His sorrows; and impress upon us the solemn startling truth, that it was anger kindled by our sins which caused them all; that it was because Thy people, the sheep of Thy pasture, rebelled and vexed Thy Holy Spirit, and would not listen unto Thee, their leader and God. And now look down, good Lord, from heaven, and behold from the habitation of Thy holiness and of Thy glory, and bless us; let us make our Saviour's merits ours by faith, and praise Thee for Thy goodness, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, whose will is the law of Thy creatures, and who commandest all men to work, that they may receive a reward, humble us now that we may no longer boast of ourselves, that we may no longer indulge that pride, which by nature we inherit from our first parents, and which continually causes us to fall, as they fell, and leads us to sin against Thee. Enable us to bring ourselves into subjection to Thy law; to cast off every thing that may hinder us in our obedience to it, that we may run our appointed course with joy, and have peace in believing. Teach us, by the holy example of our blessed Lord, how we ought to walk, humbly before Thee our God. Shew us, by the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit how we must, through all our days, be contrite for our misdoings, asking pardon. We are weak on account of our frailty. We seek Thy strength, knowing that Thy strength is made perfect in weakness; that, when we feel most unequal to do any good thing, then Thy grace is sufficient for us, and works with power in us. Bless our anxious prayer for Thy blessing, endue us with a holy, unwavering love to Thee; let Thy mercy encompass us on every side; and give Thy holy angels charge over us this night, that no evil come nigh to hurt us, but that we may have the comfort of refreshing sleep, the consolations of Thy Spirit; and that we may wake to another day of joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Jehovah Jesus, our Propitiation, and by whom our redemption was wrought out, plead, we pray Thee, with the Father for us. Look now upon us from Thy seat of glory, and remember all the trials and temptations to which Thou on earth wast subject, and then strengthen Thy plea on our behalf. Call to mind our weakness, and then ask that we may be strengthened; forget not our total inability to do, say, or think any thing of ourselves which can be acceptable before our God, and then send upon us the Holy Spirit, to direct our thoughts to Thee; to teach us what we ought to speak, what we ought to do, and to set our feet in the right path, that we may run the way of Thy commandments. May He teach us the naughtiness of our own hearts, which of themselves ever choose evil before good; which refuse the benefits Thou hast in store for us, and reject the blessings and mercies Thou so freely offerest to every one of us, and which were purchased at the exceeding great price of Thine own blood. Oh, turn us, gracious Saviour; shew us the light of Thy countenance; gladden us with Thy favor; let them ever be upon this household and family; let all who unite with us, join in fervent prayers for Thy blessing upon us, that we may be prepared here for the inheritance Thou hast bought for us at Thy Father's right hand in heaven. Yea, Lord, let Thy blessing be ever upon us; Thy Spirit be our Comforter, and Thy salvation ours. Amen.

EVENING.

O BLESSED Lord and Saviour, Son of the living God, Thou indeed art God, and as God, wast manifest in the flesh. We know that, on the confession of this truth, depends life eternal, and that its belief can exist only as the gift of the Holy Spirit. Oh, teach us to confess it in our hearts. Enable us to say with holy confidence, and unwavering faith, Thou, O Lord, art our God for ever and ever, holy and reverend is Thy name. Set before us, in its awful reality, that great day, when every knee shall bow before Thee, and every tongue be constrained to own Thee as Lord and God, to obey Thy bidding, and either remain among the glorious company of the redeemed, Thine own in heaven, or depart as accursed into everlasting fire. O Lord, give us to understand the two extremes, to receive into our hearts by faith the awful reality, and to know that the choice is our own. Open our ears to hear Thy gentle persuasive reasonings with us, that we may turn to Thee in penitence, and seek Thee by prayer; that we may humble ourselves in the dust before Thee, as altogether unclean, asking to be washed, and cleansed, and to receive the consolations of Thy Spirit. Be this our especial work whilst we celebrate the time of Thy humiliation, that we may be more and more Thine; that we may grow more and more daily in Thy likeness, prepared by Thy grace here, to enter into Thy joy for ever in heaven, hereafter. Yea, blessed Saviour, make Thine atonement sure for each one of us. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, who hast suffered for our sins, and borne our sorrows; Thou eternal God, who didst subject Thyself to suffering and anguish for sinful men; Thou Saviour of mankind, look upon us, and pity us; let the fountain of mercy in Thy breast, which has never been sought in vain, now flow on our behalf, and let Thy hands now plead for us, who desire so much Thine aid and assistance. Give to us now such a sense of our sins, by a recollection of Thy sufferings which they caused, that we may learn to look upon sin as exceeding sinful, and not as, alas, too many do, with the indifference of worldly minds and hearts. Teach us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may know what sin is, even the transgression of Thy law in the smallest matter, because that law requires perfect holiness and obedience in both heart and conduct. Enable us ever to remember the awful truth, that the thought of foolishness is sin, and that the soul that sinneth it shall die. O Lord, who then can be saved, may we well exclaim, and Thy mercy answers, the blood of Jesus Christ, even Thy blood, oh, our Saviour and our God, cleanseth from all sin. Apply that blood now to each of us, we earnestly beseech Thee; make it effectual, for us all, and bless these our daily offerings; accept them and bear them, pleading Thy merits, to the throne of grace and mercy, that we may find mercy and grace to help in every time of need. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST glorious, and eternal Lord God, Son of the Father, very God, Maker of all things, to Thee we come as our Lord God; again we ask Thy interceding favor and love. Hear, in the overflowing of Thy compassion, and be merciful unto us. Thou readest all our hearts, Thou knowest every inward motion, and our secret thoughts are not hid from Thee; how much less, then, our actions, which are open to the noonday sun. Yet we have indulged ourselves in thoughts and feelings which were not accordant with Thy law; we have behaved ourselves presumptuously before Thee, and have been altogether regardless of Thy suffering love; we have never reflected on the scenes of misery which darkened human nature, ere Thou wert led to an ignominious death; and we have been dead to every tender feeling of compassion, whereby Thou wouldest appeal to us to look upon Thee, to repent, to turn and live. O Lord, enable us now to seek Thee with a pure heart fervently; draw us to Thyself. Give stability to our vain and wandering thoughts; make us to love the things which belong unto our peace, and give us grace seriously to lay to heart the evil condition in which we stand, since Thou hast suffered and died for us, if we neglect so great salvation. And preserve us, we beseech Thee, body, soul, and spirit, to Thy coming to judgment, that we may then be known and acknowledged as Thy redeemed, O gracious Saviour. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Saviour, hear our confession, hearken unto our cry, and plead with Thy Father that we may have pardon and deliverance for Thine own sake. Thou hast kept Thy covenant with us through all generations; Thou hast blessed them, in every time, who have loved their God, and obeyed His commandments. But we have sinned; we have committed iniquity; have done wickedly, and have rebelled often and grievously, by departing from Thy precepts, and by forgetting Thy judgments; neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the Prophets, and Apostles, which have spoken to us in Thy name. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of face. To Thee belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee. Oh, let those mercies now descend upon us, and those forgivenesses be ours; blot out our sins and misdeeds, be merciful unto us, and shew us the light of Thy countenance and we shall be whole. Give us sincerity of profession, and understanding hearts; turn us from iniquity, which would be our ruin; and let Thy Holy Spirit strive with us. Yea, may He, O Lord, strive still longer, though we have too long, too daringly, resisted His godly motions. And accept our feeble offering, for we cannot approach even Thee, our Saviour, with aught but fear, for we have often done Thee despite; but Thou lovest all who come to Thee as their access to the Father in faith. We so come. Oh, bless us, and accept us. Amen.

EVENING.

O GRACIOUS Saviour, shall we not come unto Thee with confidence, and plead before Thee with boldness. Yea, Lord, we will, for we remember what Thou hast done for us. Thou hast redeemed us; Thou hast ransomed us from the hand of him that was stronger than we, for the evil one had mastery over us, and there was none to help; our enemy came against us, and there was none to whom we might flee. We had sinned against our God, and there was no one to make reconciliation. We lay under the shadow of death, and fear was our heritage. But Thou hast suffered for us; Thou hast shed Thine own blood, that our sins might be remitted; Thou hast died that we might live. Oh, grant us to live, indeed, in Thy likeness on earth, that we may live in Thy presence in heaven. Give us more of Thine own nature; more patience, more forbearance, more humility, more christian charity. Enable us never to weary in well doing; put thy law in our inward parts, and write it in our hearts, and be indeed our God, and make us to be Thy people. O blessed Saviour, make every one to know Thee, from the least unto the greatest, as God, eternal, Jehovah Jesus, who dost forgive Thy people their iniquity, and rememberest their sins no more. And seal this truth especially on the hearts of each one here present, and accept our humble praise which we would ascribe to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God. Amen.

MORNING.

THE solemn day again returns, and we would with it approach our loving Lord, the Christ of God, to plead His ignominious death, and through faith in its efficacy, to seek His interceding power with our despised Creator. O blessed Saviour, hear us, O merciful Lord God, listen to us, and take, and answer our petitions. Enable us to look to Thee in Thine hour of agony, and to smite upon our breasts as miserable beings, who have often added to its weight, and by our sins, accumulated fresh sorrows on Thine head. Oh, may we turn our eyes this day to Calvary, and there behold Thine innocent hands pierced with the cruel nail, a sad return for the healing touch they often gave. May we there see Thy brow, crowned in deep mockery, and pierced by the unrelenting thorn; and hear Thy cry of bitter anguish, echoed by the taunt, and heartless mockery of those who had heard Thy lips speak peace; who had listened to the gentle bidding which saved a dying servant; and the command which raised a buried brother from the dead; and who had seen delivery from the bonds of the devil granted to many a beseeching earnest sufferer. And then, let Thy Holy Spirit kindle us to heavenly musings. Let Him rouse us from the dullness of indifference, to meditate on love, which could endure thus for rebellious man; and let His holy influence unite us ever to imitate such love, that, by growing in Thy likeness here, we may be received as Thine in *the kingdom of Thy Father. Amen.*

EVENING.

O MOST holy Lord God and Saviour, now the eve of Thy day of agonising death is come, we once more implore Thee to hear and help us. Give to us that strength of faith, which shall enable us to be ever ready to follow Thee in all things, even unto death; that we may learn to be prepared to give up our health, strength, and worldly substance, and whatsoever we have, if it be Thy good pleasure, to require this at our hands as proofs of our patience and obedience and love. Endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may think no sacrifice too great, if it bring us nearer to Thee, and serve to accomplish in us the work of our salvation, which we have to work out; that we may look upon no labour as too arduous, if it but assist to perfect in us holiness in the faith and fear of Thee. But, in all our troubles, and in every sorrow, teach us to draw nigh unto Thee with faith; to cast all our care upon Thee, in the full assurance that Thou carest for us, and art ready to bear our burdens, to alleviate our sufferings, and remove our distress, having this one desire, to accomplish which Thou hast shed Thine own most precious blood, that all men should be saved. Oh, grant, gracious Saviour, that each one of us may be among that happy number; and give to us a blessed assurance, even here, that we are Thine, and that our rest is sure, so that our end may be peace. Hear us, and be merciful unto us, O Christ Thou Son of David. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, who is like unto Thee, who only doest marvelous things; for to Thee only belong mercies and forgivenesses, and from none other cometh salvation. Thou art God in the heaven above, and Thou rulest in the earth beneath; Thine eye surveyeth all things, and Thy mercy is over all Thy works. Oh, make us to rejoice that we are Thy workmanship, that it was Thou who didst fashion us, for we know in this, that Thou wilt still preserve us. Oh, how great Thy love, how wondrous Thy goodness, how overpowering Thy benefits. We cannot recount them; for they are hourly displayed. But, above all other, O Lord, we would now call to mind Thine exceeding love, shewn as at this time, in the death of Him who wrought salvation for fallen man, and prepared a way for all from earth to heaven. Make us, we beseech Thee, fully sensible of this love, and enable us to prove our gratitude for it by lives of holy and entire obedience. We can do nothing to compare with what Thou hast done on our behalf; but all Thou askest we may give, even ourselves a living sacrifice unto Thee. Let Thy Holy Spirit now descend upon, and dwell with us, that we may do this; let the heavenly Comforter be our Guide unto death; so shall we walk worthy our vocation in Christ Jesus; so shall we rejoice in Thy holy name, and evermore praise Thee; and so shall we live here that we may live for ever hereafter with Thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, we come before Thee at the close of another week, not to plead our righteousness, or any deeds we may have done; but to make the righteousness of Christ our plea, and His doings on our behalf, especially His death and passion, our satisfaction. We come, not as even clean from sin before Thee, but as polluted beings, who have fallen short of our duty, and who would, with deep humility and self abasement, fall low before Thy footstool, acknowledging our transgressions, and seeking that pardon which only Thou canst give, and without which there is neither peace whilst here on earth, nor a hope of glory in Thy kingdom hereafter. Enable us, O good Lord, to try our own selves carefully and diligently by Thy word; to prove ourselves by Thy commandments, and whereinsoever we have done amiss to confess our sins, to bewail our misdeeds, to seek Thy pardoning grace, and to find comfort to our souls. Make us to see the folly as well as the awful sin of endeavoring to conceal anything from Thee, for Thou art a heart-searching God; and wouldest not that man should deceive himself by vain endeavors to deceive Thee; yet how often we do this; for we own Thy omniscience, and still would, when we profess to seek pardon from Thee, hold back many an evil thought or word, or work which we should confess. Enlighten us, we pray Thee, and strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit, that our confessions may be full and our penitence sincere, and answer for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

REJOICE, O let our souls rejoice, and let us lift up our hearts unto the Lord our God, for He hath dealt graciously with His people; He has raised up unto us a horn of salvation in the house of his servant David. O Lord, Thou hast given us great comfort, for He who was dead is alive again, and behold, He liveth for evermore. Vain was the sealed tomb, the Roman watch, the malice of enemies, and the fear of friends, the Lord has risen, and we rejoice in our salvation thus secured to us. Oh, touch our hearts, most gracious God, with Thy Spirit's influence that they may feel and know the value of this day's work, and that henceforth the lips of each of us may speak from our hearts of the abundance of Thy great love, which hath redeemed us through our crucified Lord and Saviour, from the dominion of sin, and called us to the high privilege of sons of God, and heirs of heaven. Lord, teach us how to live as Thy sons, that we may stand before Thee in all holiness of living; that we may look only to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; and that, seeking, at all times, the illuminating influence of Thy Spirit and the strengthening power of Thy grace, we may walk worthy of our vocation, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. So may we be indeed meet partakers of the kingdom of heaven, through Him who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

O EVERLASTING Father, who hast prepared, by Thy Son Jesus Christ, a rest for Thy people, and who hast called us today to hear Thy voice, and not to harden our hearts, touch our ears we pray Thee, and let our hearts answer to Thy Spirit's cry. Oh, grant that the services of this Thy holy Sabbath may not have been a vain offering by Thy worshipping people, especially by those who have again knelt at Thy table, and enjoyed the gracious privilege of partaking in that means of grace, and thereby strengthening their hope of glory. But we feel, O Lord, that our best services, even this day, and in Thine own house, have been all unworthy our profession as Christians, of our privileges as Thine elect. Pardon us, good Lord, and let not our wandering thoughts be remembered by Thee; let not our coldness in Thy worship, nor our want of desire to give more of this day to Thee than we have done, be recorded in Thy book of remembrance against us; but strengthen us more and more in the inner man, set our feet upon the Rock, and order our goings; establish us by Thy good Spirit, and let our great High Priest be our propitiation, even the propitiation for each one of us; and enable us in Him to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. These our imperfect petitions we offer unto Thee, O God, in His name, and further make His own most perfect prayer our own:—
Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD, the God of love, we beseech Thee to pardon our rebellion, and to give us contrite hearts. Make us to feel how much we have despised Thy mercy, and fallen short of our duty; how much we have professed to serve and worship Thee, when we have harbored in our hearts evil passions, and wicked thoughts; how often we have come into Thy presence to offer an evening, or a morning sacrifice, the while we were indulging ourselves in malice, or revenge against our neighbor. Pardon us, we pray Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake; and enable us to lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and evil speakings, that we may, as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word; that we may have but one object, one end in view, to grow thereby. Yea, Lord, let it be our constant aim, and let us labor thereunto, that we may seek our instruction from Thy holy word; that we may read it in our closets, and attend to it in Thy house; that we may treasure up its faithful sayings, and so not only draw instruction in the way of righteousness from its pages, but be made perfect thereby, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. So shall our hearts be purified, by Thy Spirit, from all evil passions and desires; so shall we be at peace with Thee and with all men, and find Thy dear Son our constant and sure stay. Oh, answer, we pray Thee for His sake, and bless us, now and evermore. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, we believe, help Thou our unbelief. We come unto Thee, because Thou art our God, and the Giver of all things ; we approach Thee, by Jesus Christ, because He is the way, and no man cometh unto Thee but by Him ; yet our hearts are not altogether Thine. We have this day done many things which cannot stand before Thine all-searching eye. Our thoughts have been careless, if they have not been profane, and not one is hid from Thee. Yet, Lord, we believe, that Thou art a God of judgment, and we fear Thy wrath. We hear of a judgment to come, and we dread lest it should overtake us. Be merciful then, good Lord, be merciful unto us ; put away from us our sin, and blot out all our offences ; pardon our misdoings, and enable us to turn to Thee with more earnestness, and sincerity, with a more lively faith, and more entire obedience. Thou hast chosen us to be a peculiar people unto Thee ; Thou hast called us to be Thy sons, and heirs of heaven ; Thou hast sealed to us all the promises, even the sure mercies of David, and Thou hast given Thine only Son to be a propitiation for our sins. O Lord, make us sensible of these Thy many and great mercies, and so lead us to strive more earnestly to secure all these blessings and benefits, lest having passed through things temporal, we finally lose the things which are eternal. O grant this for Thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL Lord God, the high and holy one that inhabitest eternity, we again come before Thee, to seek, on behalf of ourselves and others, those blessings which we so much need, and which Thou more lovest to give, even than we need them ; and to ask for those benefits, without which life is but a delusion, and existence a sin. O send upon us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit to be our Director and Stay ; to comfort us in affliction, to strengthen us in the hour of temptation, and to guide us amid the darkness and uncertainty which surround our earthly pilgrimage. Make His light to be our illuminating ray, that we may see things no longer by the taper light of human reason, the delusive beam of human fancy, or the flickering and uncertain glow of human prejudice ; but that we may walk as in the full day, when the sun shineth, and our way is clear before us. Bless us with health and strength, which we may spend in Thy service ; with such talents as may enable us to perceive and know the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. Prosper the work of our hands, yea, make whatsoever we do to prosper, and then open our mouths in grateful thanks ; awaken us to songs of praise, and lift Thou up our hearts, that they may rejoice in Thy mercy for ever. Let our Saviour's name be our staff, as He is our only hope, yet, the sure Friend of all who trust in Him, and hear and answer us for His sake, we beseech Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

ACCEPT us, O Lord, and acknowledge us as Thine own, for we come unto Thee in Thy dear Son's name. Thou hast commanded us to pray for all men, because Thou wouldest have all to be saved; oh, let Thy saving grace be upon all, we beseech Thee; let Thine arm be stretched wide, and Thine hand be open to protect and save us, to keep us from all danger both of soul and body, and to preserve us in every hour of temptation. Be Thou the Guide, the chosen guide of our Queen and Governor; make her to remember by whom she reigns, and to whom she must one day give an account of her stewardship, when she shall change the sovereignty of earth for a service hereafter; may it be of worship and praise with Thy redeemed in heaven. Make her reign happy and prosperous. Bless her ministers, the rulers in this nation; make them to know that by Thee alone can they execute justice, and order things rightly; and that Thy providence directeth every measure for the promotion of Thine own work. Let them seek Thee in every council, and find their wisdom in Thy holy word, their best direction in Thy law and commandments; O Lord, be merciful unto them, for they need Thy mercy. And do Thou overrule the passions and hearts of the people of this land, that they may obey those who are set over them in the faith and fear of Thee, so that we may be a nation favored of Thee and working righteousness; a people on whom Thy blessing shall rest, and a light seen afar off to Thy honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou God of truth, the eternal One; let our prayers ascend to Thee, from sincere hearts, and the utterance of our lips be again acceptable with Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. We would ask Thy especial blessing upon the church of this land; stretch forth Thine arm over it, to save and defend it; to be its shield from every danger, from the attacks of wicked men, from the many who long for its overthrow. But more especially do Thou preserve it from all divisions among its members: purify it of all corrupt doctrine, all deceitful and dangerous errors; and raise up within it, from time to time, faithful men, who shall preach Thy true and lively word in fearless zeal, and with godly sincerity; who shall be earnest, in season and out of season, to convert many; and who shall wrestle with Thee in contending prayer for the souls of those entrusted to their charge. Endue our bishops with heavenly wisdom; that they, being taught of Thee, may lay hands suddenly on no man, but may commit the word only to such as shall, in Thee and for Thee, clearly and faithfully preach that word, who shall not fear to reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine. And do Thou bless their ministrations. Give to us, here assembled, patient and attentive minds, that we may lay to heart the things we hear from those set over us which are for our good, especially in Thine own house, and bless us in time and through eternity, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, most high and holy, we would confess our sins, and so come into Thy presence ; we would acknowledge that our offences are many, and so seek pardon, peace and deliverance. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity ; cleanse us then, we pray Thee, by the blood of the covenant, for we would fall down in Thy presence ; we would have this our meeting sanctified by Thee, that our prayers may be accepted, and a gracious answer vouchsafed. Open Thou the eyes of our understandings to see, as they are, our own hearts, with all their deceitfulness. O Lord, how often they shew us evil for good, and lead us for peace to the unrest and disquiet of this world. Take away every prejudice that may hinder us from a clear view of ourselves ; that may darken the light of Thy Spirit, and hide from us the truth as it is in Jesus. Set Him before us, and not our fellow man, as our example ; lead us in His steps ; give us His meekness, and patience ; His endurance ; and His faithfulness, even unto death. Whatsoever betide, be it of evil or good, of suffering or joy, let Thy name be in our mouths, Thy love in our hearts, and a sure confidence in Thee our ever companion, so shall we walk through the valley of the shadow of death fearing no evil ; so shall we look steadfastly to the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O EVERLASTING Father, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, keep us, we pray Thee by Thy Spirit, and, for Jesus Christ's sake, be merciful unto us. We are all as sheep gone astray; we have wandered from Thy fold, we have left the good Shepherd, we have not listened to his voice, and we have done very foolishly. O Lord, pardon us, and call us back again; teach us the folly as well as the danger of thus leaving Him who is our only hope, and our surety with Thee. Enable us to apprehend the sinfulness of a life of pleasure, or indifference; a life lost in its cares, and anxieties, and troubles. Teach us, O Lord, that all these things are Thy most merciful warnings to us, not to love the world, neither the things of the world, but to cast all our care upon Him, who careth for us, even our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Shew us the beauty of holiness; that all its ways are pleasantness, and all its paths peace. Persuade many, O good Lord, to try them, to walk according to them, and to rejoice in them, and they shall have an exceeding great reward. And especially keep our feet, if they be treading those paths, that we turn neither to the right hand nor to the left; that we allow nothing to hinder us from running our onward course, but that we look simply and singly to Him who has the crown of glory, and through whom we now and ever approach the footstool of Thy mercy, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, Thou art very good and gracious, keeping mercy for thousands and tens of thousands, who call upon Thee, through Jesus Christ. Thou hast revealed Thy whole will and law to us in Thy holy word, that we all might come unto Thee to be saved; do Thou now and ever shed upon us Thy Spirit's influence to direct us in the study of that word, to fix our minds upon its precepts, and to open our understandings, that we may comprehend the things read. Oh, enable us to see Thee through it as Thou art, a God of perfect holiness, of majesty unbounded, and of infinite love. Let His power shew us our own weakness, His completeness, our insufficiency, and then humble us in body, soul, and spirit, that we may rest not in the creature, but trust only to the Creator; that we may learn the insufficiency of every human aid, or profit, or pleasure, to secure for us even temporal happiness, or even a joy that shall continue through a day. And may He convince us of the all-sufficiency of Thy grace; of Thy merciful and patient waiting, because Thou wouldest not that any should perish. And convince each one of us of the completeness of the sacrifice made once for all by Thine own dear Son, who died that we and all the world might live. Hear us, we beseech Thee, for His sake, and answer us in Thy mercy; and bless us with power from on high to live a life of faith, that Jesus may be our Saviour indeed. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, who is like unto Thee ; who can do as Thou doest. There is none whom we may compare with Thee, for Thou art full of mercy, tender and compassionate. Thou knowest our infirmities ; Thou pitiest us, because we are weak, and frail ; Thou sustainest us because we cannot stand alone ; and Thou hast wrought out a redemption for us, because we could not redeem ourselves. Thou givest us daily food and raiment, and all things convenient for us ; and Thou preservest us from danger and distress. Though we mind Thee not, Thou art ever nigh to help and defend ; though we call not upon Thee, Thou stretchest forth Thine arm to save us from the pestilence that walketh in the noon day, and from every evil to which flesh is heir. Oh, do Thou pardon our blind ignorance, our presumptuous rebellion, our daring folly ; do Thou shew us Thy favor working for us in every event, Thy providence directing all things for our welfare. Teach us that, as Thou wouldest not that we should perish, therefore, Thou doest those things which may secure our safety ; and that nothing Thou doest has any other object or end. And be merciful unto us still beyond our deservings ; keep us yet longer, as Thou hast hitherto so mercifully done, from death and danger ; and prepare us for the solemn change which must ere long overtake us, that we may be translated from earth to heaven, to dwell at Thy right hand for evermore, through Jesus Christ our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, who dwellest in light unapproachable, who sittest on Thy throne in heaven, ordering all things, and sending the blessed angels, Thy messengers of good, to do Thy bidding, do Thou regard us, who are now met together, in Thy dear Son's name, with Thy favor, and assist us by Thy grace and Holy Spirit, that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; that we may be Thy messengers of good, anxious to do Thy bidding, as the angels are, and to promote Thy honor and glory. Let each day tell us, that we have done something for Thee; and let each evening bring the inquiry, what have I done. But, if we have done anything, oh, keep us humble in the remembrance of it, knowing that, having done all, we must own that we are unprofitable servants, unable to stand before thee, excepting in the shadow of our Redeemer. And yet, Lord, what have we this day done; how much have we given ourselves to Thee in thought, word, or deed? How often have we named Thy name, or dwelt on Thy mercies? Let not our hearts deceive us as they answer; for they cannot deceive Thee; but be merciful unto us, and pardon our weakness of faith, our deadness of spirit, our coldness of service. Keep us this night, by Thy grace, from all evil, let no danger come nigh us, but let our rest be refreshing. Set Thy holy angels to watch over us, to encompass us with songs of deliverance, that our hearts may rejoice in Thy salvation, and that we may learn to say alway, the Lord be praised. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our Maker, to whom we owe all things we possess, and who preservest our life from dangers, keeping us safe amid all the trials which surround us here, accept us for Thy dear Son's sake, and enable us now to pray unto Thee in sincerity and truth. Create, O Lord, in us new hearts; take away our hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh. Remove the insensibility in which we live from us, and awaken us to a sense of our danger, whilst we live without Thee in the world. Enable us to review every act of our lives, and to weigh them all in the balance of eternal truth. Oh, give us a hearty desire to know Thy law, and an earnest endeavour to walk therein all the days of our life. Let the Holy Spirit be our Guide, in whatsoever we put our hands unto, that we may do all things as unto Thee and not unto men. May He keep our tongues that they speak no evil, and our hands that they be put only to such work as must be approved of Thee. May He lead our steps into the paths of righteousness, and give us that peace which the world cannot give; that pleasure which is profitable, because it has its origin with Thee. And subdue within us all pride, and contention, and bring us to the humility which was in Christ Jesus, that He may be our example in all things, and we become Thy children indeed, and so obtain the inheritance of children, through Him, our Saviour and Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

GOD, accept our prayer; O God, hear our
ons; O God, vouchsafe an answer to our re-
s. Another week is closing around us, and we
afe; make us sensible of Thy goodness and love
us preserving us, to repent of our sins, and to
to Thee with weeping and prayer. We have
to confess; do Thou, O God, who readeest the
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rity, and fulness. Implant in our hearts such a
7 sorrow for them, as may lead us to amendment
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not to be repented of, and strengthen us for the
to come. Prepare us especially for the duties
e morrow, that we may remember the Sabbath
to keep it holy; that we may rejoice in it as an
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can cast off the cares of the world, and escape
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in Thy law our delight; to mix with our fellows
hristian worship and communion, and to feel and
r that we are the disciples of Thy blessed Son.
us, we also beseech Thee, the refreshment of
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bodies by peaceful rest, and bless us according to
multitude of Thy mercies in Christ Jesus our
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ll honor, glory, might and dominion, now and
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MORNING.

TO Thee, O Lord, would we this morning turn, with humble yet hearty thanksgivings for the mercies of the night past. It is Thine arm which has protected us; it is Thy mercy which has spared us, and kept us safely through the darkness of another night. Let our praise be ever of Thee, and let each Sabbath witness its utterance in the sanctuary. Bless us this day in its ordinances; be with all Thy worshipping people everywhere; give to every one the spirit of prayer and supplication, and especially to us who are here present, that we may with one heart and one mind serve Thee our God in Thine own appointed way. Give to Thy ministers who shall this day minister in Thy name, and exercise the functions of their sacred office, hearts impressed with their own responsibility, and the great and important charge committed to them, to win souls. Accompany their words with power to the consciences of all who shall hear, that they may hear to edifying, and profit to their soul's comfort. Increase the number of Thine own elect; and do Thou let the light startle Thy slumbering people, the Jews, that the day of truth may dawn upon them, and that they may call with us on the name of a crucified Redeemer, and find salvation. And especially keep us from all wandering thoughts in Thine house, lest we yield to such temptation and sin. Hear us for that Redeemer's sake and bless us in our worship. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast been our refuge, and yet we have not fled to Thee ; Thou hast been our tower of defence, and yet we have not sought Thee ; Thou hast urged us to flee to Thee ; to seek Thee early, promising to be found of all who come through faith in Thy dear Son, and yet we have despised Thy mercy, refused Thy gracious offer, and trusted to our own selves, as if we needed no Saviour, and would acknowledge no God ; though our lips have spoken Thy name, and our knees have bowed at the name of Jesus. O gracious Lord, bow Thou our naughty and stubborn hearts ; bend our proud wills ; break down our haughty imaginings and lofty thoughts, and bring them all into subjection to Thy law and will, that we may be conformed to the likeness of our Saviour, and bear His image in our hearts. Yea, Lord, in mercy teach us, that we may learn humility, and bless the efforts to this end of Thine appointed ministers, Thine own ambassadors. Make us to remember Thy judgments of old on Korah and his company, and tremble. Yea, Lord, let Thy word read this day, go forth with power ; let it be as a watchword to Thy people, lest they sin and fall into like rebellion ; lest hell open her mouth wide, and swallow us up, and our names be blotted out of the roll of Thy chosen ones ; rise up quickly, good Lord, and help us, for vain is the help of man ; and for Christ's sake deliver us, for He has died for us, and be merciful unto us, and hear us in His name now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thy hand is not shortened that it cannot save ; neither is Thine ear heavy that it cannot hear ; but our iniquities have separated between us and our God ; our sins have made Thee hide Thy face from us, that Thou wilt not hear ; our lips have spoken lies, in hypocrisy, our tongues have muttered perverseness. We have trusted in vanity ; human reason has been our stay, and an arm of flesh our support. The wise of the world have led us, and we have bowed to the interests of life, to things of time and sense, as our gods. And Thou hast still been merciful unto us ; Thou hast not forgotten Thy promise, nor Thy redeemed ; for Jesus is our surety, and His blood has purchased us at Thine hand. Oh, enable us, we pray Thee, to lay this to heart ; make us more entirely to seek Him, to love Him, to obey Him ; teach us to place all our confidence in Him, to cast all our care upon Him, and to make His strength ours. And, when our prayers are unanswered, and no reply is given to our petitions, then stir us up by Thy Holy Spirit to more close searching of ourselves, that we may confess our iniquities ; may put away lies and perverseness from us, and trust no longer in vanity. That we may see how weak reason is when revelation shines forth, and so come to our Mediator to plead for us, to bring our prayers to Thy throne, and make them His. Grant this for that Mediator's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy, loving, and kind God and Father, who hearest prayer, and lovest the tender petitions of Thy waiting creatures, receive *us* in our renewed offering of praise and prayer, for we would praise Thee for Thy continued mercies to us. Though we have deserved them not, they are new every morning, and night shews a continuance of them; Thou encompasssest us about with cords of deliverance, and we have only to lay hold of a Saviour's hand, which Thou hast provided, to be safe. Enable us to take it in faith; to cleave to it in confidence, and to allow nothing, neither the hope of life nor the fear of death, to induce us to forsake the precious prize, the only hope of our salvation. Teach us to love Thee with a perfect and holy love, a pure and divine confidence; let us remember how we have loved aught of this world, and then learn to love Thee as much more as Thou art greater and better than the things of the world; with an affection increased in proportion to the value of eternity compared with time. But we are perverse; we will not be wise in this our day and generation, though it be our accepted time, our only hope of salvation. We love what we vainly consider ease; we seek what we falsely call pleasure, though disappointment and sorrow have often followed both. Oh, make us wiser, we beseech Thee, according to Thy word; open our understandings to know richer and better things, even Thy law, and bless us according to Thy mercy, for Jesus Christ's sake our God and Lord. Amen.

MORNING,

O LORD, Thou God of truth, hear from heaven, Thy dwelling place, look down and bless us. Let Thy presence sanctify our meeting; enable us to realise it, as we now kneel to make our supplications known unto Thee; and keep our thoughts that they wander not. We would ask, O Lord, Thy precious gift, a saving faith. We have believed that Thou art God, but we have forgotten that Thy name is jealous, that Thou wilt not allow the honor which is due unto Thee to be given to another; that Thou canst not permit the minutes, which are dedicated to Thee by bended knees, to be disturbed with worldly thoughts. We have called upon Thee often; we have said unto Thee, Lord, Lord, and mayhap, have wished Thee to hear; but, oh, we have not done the things Thou wouldest have us do; we have been very remiss, very careless, very lukewarm. The day has dawned, and our first thought, Thy due, has not been given to Thee; we have laid down to rest, but our waking dreams upon our bed were more of life and time, than upon Thee and eternity; and, when with friends and companions, how seldom has the name of Jesus sanctified our conversation, or graced our talk. Shall we not then, Lord, ask for an increase of faith; we do; oh, make our asking sincere; yea, increase it more and more in us day by day until the time when faith shall fade in the reality of glory, to which in mercy keep us for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O THOU eternal God, who hast called us with a heavenly calling, and given us a hope beyond all the temporal benefits and blessings which man can know; Thou who hast promised rewards to us which exceed the best gifts and possessions of earth, and hast sealed them to us in Christ Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, hear us for His sake, and in His name enable us to trust, as we pray unto Thee. Thou hast upheld us ever since we were born; Thou hast protected our infancy, and, in childhood, Thine arm has shielded us; Thou hast never forgotten the least of us, though we have rebelled against Thee; nor hast Thou ever forsaken us, though we have ceased from Thee. O Lord, our misdoings have often cried for vengeance, our sins have deserved punishment, but Thou hast, in great mercy and love, spared us. Spare us yet longer, good Lord, spare Thy people, and give not Thine heritage to confusion. Soften our hearts that we may love and serve Thee in all sincerity; and that we may be led to consider Him who is our Priest in all His sacred offices; in His Godhead as well as manhood, but more in His exceeding love, which brought Him from a Father's throne, to save us, His rebellious subjects and servants, the creatures whom He had formed, from that death which our sins have purchased for us. In that consideration, O God, let our hearts kindle with more fervent love to Thee, to whom with the Son and Holy Ghost, we would ascribe all honor and glory, now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

AGAIN, O gracious Lord, the morning calls us to Thee, and the break of another day bids us seek Thee. Again we have fresh demands made upon us for praise and thanksgiving. Life and health are ours, oh, blessed be Thy holy name; more time for repentance is given; let us gladly acknowledge the gift by using it with diligence and faithfulness. Opportunities and means of grace are once more before us; do Thou let Thy Spirit lead us, that we may take and apply them; that we may improve them to the great end for which Thy mercy has vouchsafed them, the salvation of our souls. Oh, let Thy strength be ours, for we are very weak unless Thou strengthenest us; and make us to feel our own weakness every day; to know our own selves, and to study our hearts by Thy word, which is the light of the world, and wherein is life. Let us daily ask ourselves, is this life ours, for any other is death, and then gird us by Thy Spirit that we may attain to the life of the gospel, to that life which is in Thee, and which our blessed Lord came to give to all who would ask it of Him, and take the means He should point out to attain it, even the keeping of Thy commandments. Enable each of us to do so this day, to walk before Thee blameless in Christ Jesus, to meditate on Thy mercy, and love, and good providence, and to speak of Thee among our fellows; and hear us for Thy dear Son's sake, we earnestly beseech Thee, O God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, arise and help us; yea, O merciful God, bless us, and keep us, for we would put ourselves under the shadow of Thy wings, and we would ask Thee to be the shield and safeguard of this our household and family. We know, O Lord, that there is no spirit but Thine which is not evil, for the spirit of man is set to do evil continually, and we lose ourselves in strife and contention, even whilst we profess to love peace. We cannot live together as we ought to do in that holy union which Thy Spirit only can secure, because we will not walk by the Spirit. We refuse to obey His godly motions even when we have called for His aid, and we will none of Thy counsels, even when we have asked Thee to help and deliver us. Oh, pardon our perverseness and inconsistency; pardon our rebellion and sin; pardon our weakness and folly. Let the time to come witness better things of us; let the days of our future lives be spent in accordance with the holy example of Him who was obedient in all things; let us study that example as recorded for our instruction in the sacred volume. Yea, Lord, lead us to Thy word as our text book, whence we would, as we may, draw comfort and instruction, and wherein we may learn how to walk here so as to reach heaven hereafter, and let Thine illuminating grace assist us in our study of it. Oh, grant our petitions, we pray Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, and further hear us in His own words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, vouchsafe to hear us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Let His mediation be effectual with Thee, and enable us to make it so, by sincere and unwavering faith in the atonement, which He has wrought for us. Yet we have denied it by our daily actions, and our mistrust of Thy mercy has been continual. We cannot tell how oft we offend; we walk boldly before Thee, and believe ourselves to be in the right way; we believe that Thou art God, and therefore count ourselves safe; we know our Saviour has died for us, and so fancy our work of salvation is wrought. O Lord, we pray Thee, undeceive us; purify us from such errors, and cleanse us from all iniquity; wash us, that we may be clean, and sustain us that we fall not again. Teach to every one of us his secret, his besetting sin; enable us to read our hearts by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may see depicted there the many seeds of rebellion which strew its ground, ready to burst and bud into an active existence; and alas, some already verdant with life and action, bringing forth fruit of poisonous and deadly character. And then draw us to Thyself by the gentle cords of Thy holy love. Shew us Thyself as it hath pleased Thee to reveal Thyself to us, in Thine own word and law, full of majesty and grace; awful in Thine anger, a consuming fire; but in Thy love, gentle, patient, forgiving. And bless us, and keep us, now and ever in Thy favor for Thy dear Son's sake, our Lord, God, and Redeemer. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, whose every scheme for man is mercy, and who hast shewn Thy love towards all Thy creatures in acts as vast as they are many and continuous, enable us, we beseech Thee, to understand, so as rightly to value, such mercy and love. Make us to see it in its every indication, and then to shew our sense of it by ruling our lives according to Thy holy will. And oh, make us duly sensible of our sinful nature, whereby we are very far gone from original righteousness; so impress us with our weakness and frailty, which prevent our doing anything pleasing in Thy sight; that we may seek strength from Thee. Enable us, in mercy, O Lord, in all things to flee for the aid and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that He may lead us into the way of truth, and keep our feet in the paths of righteousness and peace. Watch, O Lord, over our thoughts, which continually run astray, and gain a mastery; for they refuse obedience, and despise Thy law and threatnings. And, oh, pardon us for the time past, blot out all our sins, and remember them no more against us. Let not our wandering thoughts, and evil imaginations rise up in the great and terrible day; let not our vain words, and profitless employments, be as witnesses before whom we shall then tremble, but do away with our offences, be they of thought, word, or action, for Thy dear Son's sake, and hear us in His name, as also further in His words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all grace and consolation, Thou art a very present help in every time of need. Thou waitest to be gracious, and art ever more ready to hear than we to pray; Thou wouldest not that any should perish, but hast made all men to be saved, and hast given us an assurance of this Thy great love towards us in the death of Thine only and beloved Son, by whose blood is the remission of all sins. Oh, enable us, good Lord, in every hour of trial and temptation, to flee unto Thee through Him; to sprinkle our hearts by faith with that blood, that the destroying angel, sin, come not in with death and woe; enable us, in the dark periods of sorrow and despondency which checker human life, and often cast a deep gloom over the rejoicing and buoyant spirit, to seek Thee, by our Redeemer, that we may find sweet joy and peace; that we may have our heaviness dispelled by the light of Thy countenance, and a hope confirmed, whose fruition is not here, but in heaven. O Lord, we are very far from this; we must own that we nurse despondency and court gloom too much; that we dwell in thought upon the things of time, when our eternal interests are forgotten or remain unvalued and unthought of. Day by day the sun shines to us, but never tells of Thee, and the breeze has to our ear no whisper of Thy name, the while they both shine only by Thee and for our good. O, pardon, we beseech Thee, and bless us, henceforth and for ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

THINE, O God, is the kingdom, power belongeth unto Thee, and we must work Thy bidding. Vain is all the wisdom of man to gainsay Thy counsels, and the strength of man to oppose Thy designs; Thou hast said and shall do it, and Thy word must come to pass. The earth is Thine, and the fulness thereof; the sea also, and the heavens are the work of Thine hands. What, then, is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that Thou regardest him. We are as dust in the balance; as chaff before the wind; Thou spakest and we were made; again Thou blowest and we are not; the breath is gone out of our nostrils; and we have returned unto the dust whence we came. Oh, humble us, we beseech Thee, under the thought of this; make us to reflect upon it, in deep abasement, and with humility of spirit, that we walk no more high and proudly; that we no more boast in wealth, or health, or strength, or any earthly possession; that we no longer value our powers to work any work, or to do any deed better than our fellows, for in Thy sight, we are all miserable, ignorant, foolish, vain, save as we empty ourselves of self, and lowly fall before Thee for a pardon, through Christ, who died to make that pardon ours. Seal it to every one of us now, we beseech Thee; let the blood of the covenant plead for us, and the name of Jesus be our watchword, and answer for His sake, O Lord, to our souls comfort. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, everlasting, Thou only God, let Thine eye look upon us, and Thine ear hear us, and answer our prayer for Jesus Christ's sake. We ask Thee to receive our humble but hearty thanksgivings for the mercies of the night past, for we must own it is of Thee only we have found rest and renewed strength, and that we have been preserved from evil. Oh, make our gratitude equal to Thy demands, our love an echo of Thine now and ever. But we would especially ask Thee to look upon the Church planted in this our land, to preserve and bless it. Let Thine arm be a shield against the enemy, and rise up in Thy might to defend it against all assaults and dangers. Make its ministers faithful, give them heavenly wisdom, and humble hearts; teach them by Thy Spirit that they may be enabled to teach others. Unite every member of it more firmly to Thee; make them to look through it to the great head of that holy body, to Christ, from whom floweth every hope, and all power, and without whom all were but lifelessness and ruin. Shed the light of Thy countenance upon us, and let Thy favor be with us. Give us hearts diligent in our great Master's service; hands ready to do His bidding, and tongues which shall proclaim His holy name far and wide wheresoever we go, that, more and more may know and serve Him daily, for He is our Redeemer and God, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

O THOU gracious and merciful Lord God, who art above all, and yet humblest Thyself to all; who hast offered to us the adoption of sons and daughters; to become Thy children in Christ Jesus, give to us such a lively and effectual faith, as may secure to us this inestimable blessing and privilege. We know, from sad experience that we cannot attain to it of ourselves. The close of another week, in its self-examination, has brought us too many, too glaring proofs of this. We have often, we would hope, tried to worship Thee during its few days, yet how cold has been our service, how lifeless have been our devotions. We have repeated that sacred form which a Saviour's lips hallowed, and a Saviour's love taught, as if it had no reference to Him, who would thereby have us secure to ourselves a blessing, and we have forgotten the holiness of Him on whom we called as Father, even Thyself, O merciful God. We have said and done much most unbecoming our Christian profession and calling, and have so jeopardied our salvation. O Lord, how much would we not have blotted out, if we knew eternity to be close at hand; and which of us dare plead, as an excuse for our delay, that we believed the message, Thy soul shall be this night required of Thee, is afar off. Lord, give us now hearts to repent and amend, that we may be Thy children indeed, and accept and bless us in this and all our prayers, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

ANOTHER Sabbath is ours; bless the Lord, O my soul, let each one say, and each one now, whilst time is given, resolve to dedicate himself and this his day to Thee, our God and Lord: to worship Thee in the sanctuary, and to shew forth Thy praise with thanksgiving. Let these returning hours, few out of the many which compose a week, be given to Thy service; and accompany every one, throughout the length and breadth of this land, who shall endeavor to worship Thee in spirit and in truth, with Thine especial blessing. Go forth with the teachers of our youth; give them strength to labor as in Thy vineyard; teach them that they may know how to utter the word of caution, of instruction, of advice, and warning. May they ever remember their great and solemn trust, to train up children in the nurture and admonition of Thee, knowing that Thy word has promised when they grow old they shall not depart from it. Make their endeavors effectual, and increase the numbers of those who shall assemble to be taught. Give them hearing ears, and understanding hearts; make them patient and ready, and so fill Thy fold quickly, good Lord, that peace may reign among us, and we may prosper in our day and generation. Enable us by Thy good Spirit to shew forth Thy truth, and to maintain Thy law before all the nations of the world, to the glory of Thy great name, and the honor of Thy dear son our only and ever Advocate, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our very God, who delightest in mercy, Thou hast showered fresh blessings upon us, and can we make any return; can we acknowledge Thy benefits, Thy many mercies, this day bestowed. Let our future lives declare our gratitude, and our lips ever speak Thy praise. But, Lord, pardon us, for our services have been very cold, and the world has had too much power over us; we have heard Thy word, but our hearts are untouched; and alas, must we not own, with confusion of face, that we know but little of what our ears have heard. The sound of much we heard has never reached our hearts; they are too dead and lifeless in regard to thee. Rouse us, in mercy, rouse us from this deadly state; set before us our danger in its true and vivid colors; make us to understand and know our responsibility before Thee, and then send Thy Holy Spirit to direct our feet into Thy paths, and to open our hearts to Thy love. Make us to seek diligently for a saving knowledge of Thee now and ever. And grant that the ministrations of the sanctuary this day may come home to the consciences of many; may be blessed to Thy waiting people; and especially to us here present. Oh, grant that it be not recorded against us as a day lost, by reason of our forgetfulness, or indifference. Thou canst do all things, and we are powerless ourselves; shew Thy strength in our weakness, and hear and bless us, we most earnestly beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thy mercy has brought us to the morning of another day, and the active duties of another week are before us; enable us, we pray Thee, to meet and perform them, not in our own strength, not by the power of our own arm, or by the wisdom of man, or human ingenuity, but solely in reliance on Thee to bless our labors, and to endue us with that wisdom, by which only we can prosper in our doings. Give us that honest industry which can stand before Thee, and bear the scrutiny of Thy searching eye. Make us, in all things to which we put our hands, very diligent, very patient, and very zealous, remembering that for them all we must one day give an account to Thee. Let us remember the patient endurance of Him, who spent a youth and early manhood subject to His parents, the poor carpenter of Nazareth and his lowly wife, even Jesus, our Saviour, and our example; and from Him let us learn that quiet and meek subjection to those who are set over us in whatever state we may be, that we may have the approval of a good conscience, which is Thy gift. And, oh, grant, that we may all be blessed with the happy and comforting assurance that Thou wilt accept us; because Thy glory was our object, Thy work our delight, and to do our Father's business our first aim. Yea, Lord, instil into us our blessed Lord's holy principle of active obedience, and for His sake strengthen us and keep us to our lives' end, we beseech Thee, O holy Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O THOU eternal God, who hast provided for all the wants of Thy people, and rememberest Thy covenant with Thy chosen; Thou Shepherd of Israel, who ever leadest Thy servants by the waters of comfort, and into pleasant pastures; be with us, we humbly beseech Thee, in Thine abundant love, and let Thy blessing rest upon us. Our wants are many; yet we must confess it is because we have not sought a supply from Thee; because we have not pleaded the covenant Thou didst make with us in baptism; because we have broken our part in it, and forgotten Thee, our Maker, and our best Friend. The fault, O Lord, is ours; pardon then, and help and strengthen us for the time to come. Give us more faith, more patience, more perseverance. Endue us with all the Christian graces, and, if we have been blest with any, oh, grant that they may shine in and from us with brighter lustre day by day. Take us under Thine especial guidance; shew us the way in which we ought to go, and keep our feet in it. And, when sorrow, or trouble, or anxiety arise, then lead us to the fountain of consolation; shew us the Saviour waiting to be gracious, open our ears to His merciful invitation that we may cast all our care upon Him, and so defy the evils and the sorrows of life, which can no more distress us; for He is a very present help in trouble, and He careth for us. Let these our prayers ascend to Thee in His name, and hear us further, we beseech Thee, in His own words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O LORD God, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee, and whose hope Thou art; who covereth himself with the shadow of Thy wings, and can look to Thee in every hour; he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; the fire of affliction shall not scorch him; men may pass by, and a smile shall be upon his countenance, he will make a merry noise unto the God of Jacob; for his heart rejoiceth in Thee. Scorn, and reproof of men shall not reach him; he shall lie down on his bed in peace, and rise in the morning with gladness, for Thou wilt not forsake him, and his doings shall not miscarry. But cursed is the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. He shall be like a heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; evil shall hunt him; pain shall follow him; and he shall not know peace or rejoicing. O Lord, our God, great is Thy mercy, therefore, give us Thy blessing; make us to trust only to Thee, to hope only in Thee, and to seek Thee early and late, as our chief good, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, and enable us to flee the company of the ungodly, to come not nigh them, for their end is destruction, lest we be caught in their snare; and hear us for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O THOU great and adorable God, Thou who dwellest high in the heavens over all, look upon us as we kneel before Thee, to offer our evening sacrifice, and accept us, for Jesus Christ's sake. We have gone astray, and done wickedly ; we have wandered from the fold of the great Shepherd ; we have turned every one to his own way ; we have followed our own devices ; we have sought our own pleasures ; we have hunted after profit, and we have loved the world. The cares of life have eaten into us as a canker, and we know it not. Oh, send Thy Spirit, good Lord ; for Jesus Christ's sake, now let the Holy Spirit enlighten each one of us that we may see our lost and ruined condition by nature ; that we may learn to know, and be led to acknowledge, that in us dwelleth no good thing. Pride bars the entrance for this truth ; for by nature we are very proud, and we boast ourselves as better than Thou. Oh, teach us the truth ; and remove such delusion ; shew us our ignorance, and implant within us knowledge, such knowledge as has its spring with Thee, and brings us to the foot of the cross, humbled, and penitent, yet not despairing. Thou art all sufficient for us, and Thou wilt strengthen the very weakest who calls upon Thee. Hear our cry and be merciful unto us. Guide us in the right way here ; lead us in the path in which we ought to tread, keep us by Thy great power, and save every one of us at the last, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

IN the name of our Redeemer, we would thank Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another day. Enable us, by the same power which has been thus so mercifully extended to us, to pass the hours of light in honest obedience to Thy will, and in earnest endeavors to promote Thy glory. Let Thy Holy Spirit direct all our goings, and guide us as we engage in any of the active occupations of life, lest we forget Thee, and walk frowardly. Let His heavenly influence restrain us from a too anxious desire to prosper in worldly matters, lest we be day by day more absorbed by a love of the things to which the natural heart of man cleaves, and so lose our portion in that place where Thou dwellest, and our Saviour waits to be our Judge. Overrule all our thoughts, sayings, and doings, and bring us into subjection, body, soul, and spirit, to Thyself. Let the light of Thy countenance cheer us, if our day be darkened by disappointment; and, if joy come, oh, let that light be yet to our hearts far dearer and brighter; let our eyes ever look to Thee, and our hearts ever beat for Thee, and let a grateful recollection of all Thy mercies towards us, animate us to more zeal in Thy service, awaken in us more desire for Thy glory, and establish for us a more entire dependence on Thy love, and exceeding great mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy goodness; Thy mercy is from everlasting, and endureth throughout all ages. Let our hearts magnify Thee, O God, and our tongues speak of Thy praise; let our lives shew forth our thanksgiving, and every day prove, by acts of devotion and love, that we are the disciples of our Redeemer. O God, we have within us, hour by hour, proofs of Thy exceeding forbearance, since Thou vouchsafest health, which we do not deserve, and givest ease, which we never merited. Here, in this our household, we see Thine hand busy for us, Thine arm protects us, and Thy good Spirit strives with us every day. Oh, make us so sensible of this goodness, that each of us may strive to gain Thy favor, and to win Thine abiding love, that we may live as one, in the unity of the Spirit, that we may act under the bond of peace, and pursue righteousness of life. Temptations surround even in our best estate; pleasure calls us away from Thee. Oh, fortify us against their assaults and wiles; give us that strength, which is more than human, and by which we may resist every attack of the evil one, and stand strong in Thee, and in the power of Thy might, for if we stand not here, we know that we cannot enter into Thy rest hereafter. Let the name of Jesus prevail for us in this and all our prayers, O holy Lord. Amen.

MORNING

O LORD God, everlasting, holy, and true, look upon us; Thou art very gracious, therefore, we trust to Thee to hear us; and, since Jesus Christ is our Mediator, we know that Thou wilt help us. We need Thy help, O Lord, in many things, because in many things we offend Thee grievously and often. Thou knowest them all; there is not a desire of our hearts which is not plainly read by Thee; alas, how often to our condemnation, for we have desired things which we ought not to have done, and the things which would have been to our profit we have neglected or despised. O Lord, if at this moment there be one thought harbored by us, one wish that we are indulging, which will not find its justification in Thy word, enable us at once to root it out, and to cast it from us. Shew us the entire purity of Thy nature, which cannot look upon evil, though it be in but a passing thought, and give us grace to amend for the time to come. Yea, Lord, implant in us such a holy desire and longing to be Thine, that we may each strive with the other in ways of godliness, and grow all of us, thereby, more like Thee in Thy nature, more closely the disciples of a loving Saviour, and the redeemed of a dying Lord. It is Thy work, O God; work it in every one of us, we earnestly beseech Thee, and help us in every time of need, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the evil one, and ever to bless Thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our Maker, our most gracious and holy Preserver, behold us now, we earnestly pray Thee, as the work of Thy hands, and be merciful unto us. Remember that we are but dust, powerless of ourselves to do any good, and altogether unequal to the requirements of Thy holy law. We cannot even think things agreeable to Thee unless Thy grace prevent and follow us ; we may try to do our duty, but we shall altogether fail, unless Thy Spirit quicken and assist us, unless our flesh be subdued, and our natural inclinations be made to yield to the requirements of Thee our God. Strengthen us we pray Thee, in the inner man, that we may be able to appear before Thee with an acceptable sacrifice ; that this our service, feeble though it be, may, for Jesu's sake, find favor, and bring upon us a blessing from Thee. Let the weakness of our nature plead our excuse for the time past, and Jesu's merits supply our deficiency. And, for the time to come, enlarge our hearts, and let Thy Spirit dwell within them, that He may guide us into all truth, and preserve us from the power of the evil one. Thou seest our secret sins ; oh, be merciful unto us, and grant that they be not our ruin, that we may not indulge them to the injury of our souls, or to the disgrace of our Christian profession. Keep us Thy disciples in all things, set our feet in Thy paths, and order our goings, and bless us, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, who dwellest in heaven, and yet in love lookest down upon the creatures of Thy hands, to bless and keep them, mercifully regard us of this household and family, we beseech Thee, and let Thy grace be upon us now and evermore. Give us in this and every hour the spirit of grace and supplication; lead us in the strength of prayer through all the trials, the temptations and difficulties which meet us in life; prepare us, by humble supplication, and saving faith in Thy dear Son's atonement, for every difficulty which we may have to encounter as we pass through this world; and stay us on Thyself, whether joy or sorrow come, that we may be able to stand against all the wiles of the devil. Thy strength only is sufficient for this, and in that strength we know that we may be very bold, and shall conquer. We know also, O Lord, that if we fail it is because we lack that strength, and that, lacking it, we have not asked from Thee the precious gift as we might, we have not sought the inestimable boon as we ought. Oh, enable us to contend with Thee more earnestly, that we may obtain; teach us how to pray as we ought, that we may have the things we need; open Thou our lips, and our utterance shall be acceptable with Thee; we shall have everything good for us both in time and for eternity. Yea, indeed, we shall lack nothing. Oh, grant all these things, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast compassion on all men, we beseech Thee to visit us now in pity and love, and give us the spirit of prayer and supplication, that our present act of worship may be acceptable with Thee. O blessed Saviour, our Redeemer, who knowest our frailties, and canst make allowance for our short comings, vouchsafe now to lead for us, and let Thy all prevailing merits be set forth on our behalf. O Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son, be Thou our Lord, our very God; dwell in us, sanctify us, purify us; cleanse us from all evil, and fit us for communion with our triune Jehovah. And, O most holy and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, accept us. Though we are miserable sinners; though we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; though we have done the things which we ought not to have done, and left undone the things which we ought to have done; though we have forsaken our God, pardon and receive us. Enable us to know Thee in the fulness of Thy majesty and attributes; to apprehend Thy omniscience, and to tremble lest we harbor the thought of sin; to understand Thy omnipresence, and to keep our feet wheresoever we go, knowing that Thou art there also; to learn Thy omnipotence, and to dread, lest we awaken Thy wrath, and bring upon us fearful and sudden punishment. Keep us in all our goings and doings; in every hour, and in every place, and shield and protect us as Thine own, and all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Mediator and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, who searchest the heart, and readest therein the characters and dispositions of men; Thou who canst not dwell where any wicked thing is, or with the man who harborest unclean thoughts, we beseech Thee to give us grace and strength to examine ourselves, to prove and see whether we be in the faith; whether we hold fast the profession which we make of it without wavering, and so walk in accordance with Thy will and commandments. Oh, do Thou enable us to prepare our hearts unto Thee; to serve Thee only; to look to Thee, and none else, since Thou art our reconciled Father in Christ Jesus. Teach us how to consider our ways and doings; to lay to heart the many times we have wandered from them, and given ourselves to work wickedness before Thee with a high hand. Teach us further, that, to be accepted of Thee, we must do all things unto Thee; that we must seek Thee early, as the morning dawns upon our opening eyes, and cleave to Thee until the light fades with the close of day; and then retire to the silence of our chambers as to Thy hiding place, that we may commune with Thee, and seek that protection which may keep us through the darkness of the coming night, and that love which may vouchsafe to our eyelids rest, and to our frames the refreshment of sleep, in the hope of awaking to another day of duty to our God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our God, wonderful and great, high and holy; wonderful for Thy mercy towards fallen and erring man. We go astray continually, and yet Thou ever preservest us; we forget Thee day by day, and yet Thou daily showerest down Thy benefits upon us. We despise Thy law, and run in opposition to Thy will, yet Thou hearest the voice of our Saviour, who pleads on our behalf, for Thy mercy endureth for ever. Thou indeed, O Lord, art great, for we can find from Thee a supply in every need, a power equal to every combat upon which we have to enter. Yet Thou art high above all things, and holiness is Thy name for ever. O God, because these are Thine attributes, we come unto Thee; because we know that Thou lovest to exercise them, we seek Thee, and plead, in Christ's name, that Thou wilt continue to manifest them in and for us. Let not our sins step between Thee and us; let not our iniquities, which cry for vengeance, drive Thee from us, but stretch forth still Thine arm, to be our shield and defence, and let Thy right hand hold us, lest we slip. Yea, Lord, for every one of this household, we beseech Thee to shew forth Thy mercy and love; make us to be holy in all manner of conversation; keep us pure from the defilements of sin, from indulgence in deceit which must be found out, and let us not speak lies to the ruin of our souls. And all these things we ask for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, and Governor, who hast ordained powers and authorities and raised up men among us to rule in our nation, we beseech Thee to enable us to obey them in the faith and fear of Thee. Subdue in us that pride which loves a mastery, that disobedience which refuses to submit; that haughtiness of spirit which cannot bear restraint. Shew us the humility of Jesus, which kept Him from exercising authority not His own, for He came in the form of a servant, and, as a servant, was obedient unto men. Make us to understand his submission, when he paid his country's demanded tax, and taught His hearers to render, even to a heathen monarch, his due in lawful tribute. Impress upon us that unfailing obedience which marked His life, and made His actions our great pattern. And then lead us into His steps, and keep our feet that they wander not from them again. We know that it is hard for flesh and blood to submit; but, if the holy example of Jesus will not persuade us, oh, let the fearful one of Satan drive us to seek from Thee lowly spirits, and obedient hearts. Convince us of the folly of rebellion, which at most can but secure us a moment's satisfaction, and that at the price of eternal unrest. Yea, Lord, by any means keep us from its bewitching power, lest we forget our God, and die. But let Jesus's spirit of holy submission, and unerring obedience be ours we pray Thee now and ever, for His sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, whom to know is eternal life, and whom to know not is death everlasting, give us that wisdom by which we may be enabled to apprehend Thee in Thy fulness, a triune Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and to worship Thee as such now and ever. Let Thy pure light shine into our hearts, now darkened by sin, and defiled by the love of iniquity, that we may purify ourselves from all pollution of the flesh and spirit, and perfect holiness in the fear of Thee. Thou wilt not excuse the guilty, and until we are so cleansed, we cannot stand in Thy sight, for we know that Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. Strengthen us to walk in all Thy laws blameless ; to strive ever for that heavenly conversation which shall minister unto godliness, and that we may be approved as disciples of the Lord Jesus. The day is ours and the night is ours, but they must be devoted to Thy service, for we know that Thou requirest a constant service. Oh, grant that our professed worship this day may not be recorded against us as sin ; that our slackness to acknowledge Thee in all our doings may not be remembered, nor our coldness rise in judgment to our condemnation. But let Thy mercy pardon all our short-comings, and Thy grace henceforth protect, and comfort us, be our shield and stay, our joy and comfort, and ever keep us in the knowledge and worship of Thee, and of Thy Son Jesus Christ, for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our very God, to whom all flesh must bow, and before whose anger no man can stand and live, we beseech Thee mercifully to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon us who now call on Thee in Thy dear Son's name. Yea, Lord, pour out Thy Spirit on every one of us without measure. May He dwell in us, and sanctify us wholly, purifying us from all pollution, and preserving us in every hour of trial and temptation, that we fall not; that we call not forth Thine anger, nor bring down upon us the vengeance of Thine awakened wrath. O Lord, we must own that, hitherto, we have too frequently done this; too often have we neglected the means and opportunities of grace so mercifully vouchsafed; too often have we despised the warnings, and given no heed to the threatenings which Thou hast uttered in sickness, distress, or pain. Friends have been swept from our side; acquaintance have been taken away, and our own kindred have gone down to the grave, and yet we have not read in those events the lesson they should teach; we have not prepared to meet our God. But we are spared, and time is given us to repent; oh, let Thy Spirit now move us to repentance; may He now, whilst it is the accepted time, call us away from the follies of life and the sins of time, from the allurements, and pleasures of existence here; from the attachment to a world that lieth in wickedness, and which has no profit for an immortal being, and lead us to Thee as our reconciled God, in Christ Jesus, for His sake, our Redeemer. Amen.

EVENING.

AGAIN, O Lord, let our hearts praise Thee, and our tongues magnify Thy holy name; again let our lips utter a sound of thanksgiving, and make our lives to bless Thee in their every act, O God. We have come to the close of another day, and we are safe; Thine arm has been over us, and Thy power has shielded us. We have escaped many evils which have fallen upon others, and why is it so. O Lord, we are not better than our neighbors; we follow too much after vanity, we love to trifle away precious time, and to waste moments which we cannot recall. We know that we fall short of our duty; and yet Thou sparest us. Oh, that we could magnify Thee as we ought, and tell of all Thy wondrous works on our behalf. But we cannot, because we practise our lips in folly more than in praise, and we seek this world more earnestly than heaven, our Saviour's purchase for us. Lord, teach us better things; Lord, help us to seek for holier thoughts; Lord, bless us with more hallowed aspirations. Put away from us all evil, the day-dream of sin which allures so many; the easy rest which we are too vainly imagining is ours; the sleep of unconsciousness which shuts out the thought of danger, and eternal death; and hold Thou us up, that we may, indeed, praise Thee, and glorify Thy name, as we would now do, whilst we ascribe to Thee, O Father, Thee, O Son, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God, honor, glory, and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, great is Thy mercy, and great our iniquity, because we despise that mercy and refuse every invitation of love which Thou utterest continually, according to our necessities. In afflictions, we forget Thy instruction to pray; in our mirth we will not sing psalms, as Thou wouldest have us, for our affections are earthly, they are set on things of time and sense, and here our hearts are fixed. We love the pleasures of the world; we seek the amusements which this scene presents to us; we cleave to friends here, though they fail, and then we look for others, and we will not see that Thou art our best Friend, and that Thou canst not fail, for Thy mercies are new every morning, and Thy promise is sure and bringeth salvation. Turn us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned; pardon us, and so shall we have peace; accept us for the sake of Thy beloved; so shall we rejoice evermore with joy unspeakable. So shall we have real joy; so shall we partake of the blessedness, even here, of the saints in light, and be exceeding glad. And let the mind that was in Christ be in us, and to do Thy will be our first and chiefest object in life, and keep us in its every hour, amid all its trials, and through all its temptations, until that day when we shall appear at the judgment seat of the Redeemer. Oh, grant that He prove then to have been *our* Redeemer for His sake; even Jesus Christ, Thine only Son. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, the Protector of all who trust in Thee ; the strength of every feeble believer ; and the refuge of the distressed, when temptation comes, we presume to approach Thee this evening, ere we go to our chambers, that our united voices may reach Thine ear, and our prayers secure a blessing. Enable us to ask aright, and purify us from the defilements which sin has this day brought upon us ; wash us that we may be clean ; for we are not fit to stand before Thee, and only in the name of our great Mediator do we presume to come. For His sake, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, and give us that peace which the world cannot give ; sustain us with that hope, which shall stay us in every hour, and under all circumstances, and which shall make us to rejoice, even in the midst of tribulation and sorrow, and be our best comfort in the hour of death. Yea, Lord, let it be our portion this night, as we lie down to sleep, that our last thoughts may be of Thee, and the rest prepared by our Saviour for Thy children ; so shall we fear no evil, for we shall know that Thou art with us, that Thy holy angels watch over us, and that, whatsoever betide, it must be very good. And keep us from all danger ; curtain us about with Thy protection ; give us refreshing sleep. These prayers we offer in the name of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, the day is Thine, and the night is Thine; enable us, we beseech Thee, to dedicate their every hour to Thee. And now we ask Thy especial blessing on the day we have just begun. May it witness to us that we are Thy disciples indeed, by a walk in the steps of our great example Jesus Christ. Keep us, and all near and dear to us during it, by Thy Spirit. Yea, Lord, let Thy spirit strive with each one of us, that we may be convinced of sin, and led to holiness; that we may see our weakness, and seek Thy strength; that we may know our condemnation, and flee to our Saviour, for pardon and deliverance. Take our hearts into Thine hands, and mould them; fashion them after Thy likeness; renew them according to Thy will; establish them by Thy power, and make us to feel and know that we are Thine own according to the promise; Thine accepted in Christ Jesus. Give us a growing desire for heavenly things; a longing after Thee; an increasing love for our Saviour, that nothing in life may hinder us in running our course with joy, or prevent our arrival at that goal, where a crown of glory waits for us. And make us to see clearly our way of duty in every event that arises, that we may shew forth Thy glory, and in all things proclaim ourselves the disciples of our blessed Lord. in whose name accept these our petitions, O Lord our God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who triest the faith of Thy saints by suffering; who givest them often the bitter waters of affliction to drink, and the cup of sorrow as their portion, that the world may know the power of grace, and the strength of faith, which are Thy great and merciful gifts to the sons of men, endue us, we pray Thee, with such a spirit; enable us to meet all the trials, and difficulties, the crosses and annoyances of this time of our probation, as Thy merciful warning and correction, as proofs of Thy just yet loving disposition towards us. Let them work in us more of Thy will; and keep us more closely in Thy way. Make them to shew us the vanity of life, and worldly joys, which a moment must close, and which any moment may cloud with disappointment, or a blight. And, oh, when Thou sparest us; when Thou preservest to us health, strength and the enjoyments of life, let us not forget Thee their bountiful Giver; let not the creature take the Creator's place in our hearts, but touch them with a spirit of greater fervor, of more entire devotion, of more lively gratitude and love, and open our mouths in the words of thanksgiving and praise, in the language of holy joy. And let our lives shew forth our feelings in every act and word, so shall we indeed adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, and proclaim Him to be our Lord, as we now own Him our Mediator, for whose sake hear our prayer and answer, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God. Amen.

MORNING

O GOD, who lovest the humble one, and who wilt not accept the prayers of a proud spirit, give us, we beseech Thee, such humility, that, coming to Thee with the spirit which was in Jesus and in His name, we may be accepted by Thee, and have a gracious answer to our prayers. O Lord, the natural man loves authority, and spurns at submission; the natural heart is enmity against Thee, because Thou art Lord of all; and the disposition of the unrenewed will none of Thy counsels, though they are perfect wisdom. Take from us, such hearts, and renew right spirits within us; make us to understand Thy service, and to feel it as a delight; to seek to be engaged in it, as our best occupation, and to promote it, as our highest interest. Teach us, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit how authority brings unrest, and power disquiet, and how much happier is he who serves the Lord his God, in humility of Spirit and with holiness of heart, than the mighty one who walks abroad in the sun blaze of fame, or amid the bright trappings of worldly splendour. And lead us to search after the spirit which marked the every act of Him, who went before us as an example, and who taught with authority yet was obedient in all things. As we hope to serve in heaven, oh, teach us to serve on earth, and to rejoice that we are admitted to the privilege of servants, that Thou hast graciously vouchsafed to us work which may fit us to dwell with Thee hereafter. And grant this for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, merciful and gracious, our hope, our refuge, and strength, hear us; Thou holy one and true, Thou eternal Saviour, our God, hear us; Thou light to all who sit in darkness; Thou guide, and comforter, the Holy Spirit, hear us; Thou everlasting Lord and God in an adorable yet mysterious Trinity, hear us, and bless us, and accept our prayers. Look upon us in our unhappy divisions; now, in our time of trouble, let our cry come unto Thee, and give us patience, perseverance, and strength. Gird us with Thy sword; enable us to wield it in the power which, Thou, and only Thou canst give; open our mouths to proclaim with faithfulness and zeal Thy truth; and, oh, set our hearts so entirely on Thee, make our love for Thee so great; our desire to please Thee so ardent, that we may in every hour and every act have Thy glory in view, and Thy honor before us. Establish us, O Lord God, in Thy strength, that we may do all to promote the one and extend the other; that we may lay aside every worldly care, and every worldly comfort; our joys, our hopes, and pleasures, if need be, to advance Thy truth, and to maintain Thy supremacy amongst us. Alas, we must confess, with deep sorrow, that we have not done this; we have not desired so to do; we have been cold and careless, but Thou art very merciful and long suffering, not willing that any should perish. Oh, keep us from presuming on that mercy, we pray Thee, and accept the praise we would give to the eternal and glorious Trinity in Unity, three Persons and one God, for ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, Thou Lord of all, we come unto Thee in faith, we would worship Thee in sincerity, we would cast ourselves, and all that we have into Thine hands, and ask Thee to mould us for Thyself, as Thine own, in body, soul and spirit. We have tried the world ; we have tasted of its joys and sorrows, its cares and pleasures ; we have seen the sunshine, and we have felt the storm ; we have known all things to pass away, and had too much reason to exclaim vanity of vanities, all is vanity. Every day has proclaimed this truth, every event has shewn it forth too plainly and distinctly to be misunderstood, and yet, Lord, we have loved the world, we have sought the world, as if it were our home, our eternal dwelling ; we have pursued pleasure, as if it would never end ; and rejoiced in things of time, as if they could secure us joy for ever. Pardon our misdeeds, our ignorance, our follies ; blot out our iniquities, and remember not our offences. Let the blood of Jesus cleanse us from all our sins ; let His meditation be effectual on our behalf ; and oh, let Thy holy spirit keep us for the time to come. Let Him convince us of sin whenever we are tempted, and when we fall, let Him lead us to Thee for pardon, and work in us godly sorrow, a repentance not to be repented of, and amendment of life shewn forth in all manner of holiness, in our conversation, and in our doings, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, who hearest prayer, let our evening sacrifice be acceptable unto Thee, and bless us whilst we pray. Endue us with the spirit of prayer and supplication; enable us to realise in our hearts Thy holiness, and our sinfulness; Thy purity and our defilement; Thy wisdom and our ignorance. Open our eyes to see ourselves in the glass of Thy holy words; to measure ourselves by Thy just law; and to judge ourselves by Thy commandments, that we be not judged by Thee, and fall under condemnation. Thy word is exceeding broad; who cannot know it; Thy will is very plain; who cannot understand it. Oh, let us not be deceived; let no evil spirit whisper to us things which savor not of peace; but preserve us from evil, and from all temptation. Keep us in all our goings, that our foot slips not; that we do not stumble among the crooked paths of life; but that we choose the plain way of godliness, and pursue it, with our faces heavenward; with a one desire, a one hope, to animate, and comfort, and cheer us; a desire to please Thee, a hope of heaven, and its eternal rest. So shall we prosper here; so shall we have the blessing of Thy favor; and though men frown, and friends forsake, so shall we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, for then we are Christ's and Christ is ours, and through Him we are Thine for ever and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, whose name is excellent in all the world; Thou who hast done wonderful things for us, and hast laid up in store for those who seek Thee joys at Thy right hand for evermore. Thou who hast told us that in the world we shall have tribulation that man is born to sorrow as the sparks fly upwards; and hast let each of Thy children experience often these solemn truths; do Thou so deal with us, that we may shew our belief in them by a more active and continuing search for Thee; by a more determined clinging to our Saviour; by a more untiring walk in the light of Thy Holy Spirit. Make us to love not the world, neither the things of the world; open our eyes to its vanities, its follies, the emptiness of its pleasures, the unsatisfying nature of its amusements. Teach us how to use the good things of life, which Thou mercifully vouchsafest, as Thy gifts for a season; not as things to love, or to seek only as the passing enjoyments of a Summer's leaves and flowers, which must be followed by a season when they are not pleasing to the eye, but as unsatisfactory to immortal souls. And, in tribulation, let us look and cling more closely to Thee, knowing it is Thy voice, speaking in mercy, and warning us in plain, and startling language, that we love not the world. So may we hope to flee away and be safe, so may we look with confidence for a rest and refuge, where Thou wouldst have us, be under the shadow of Thy wings, through our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

HOW manifold are Thy mercies, O Lord Jehovah; every hour declares them to us, and every event proclaims them, for Thy mercy is over all Thy works, and everything is Thine, on earth as well as in the wide heavens. Oh, that men would, therefore, praise Thee for Thy goodness; oh, that their mouths would sing unto Thee, and their hearts dictate the utterance of those mouths. Oh, that we, who are now met, once more on the eve of Thy holy Sabbath, in Thy presence, would now seek Thy Spirit's aid to influence our devotions, and to lead our thoughts to Thee, whose we are, though rebellious; whom we ought to serve, though following our own imaginations, and choosing pleasures or profit as our master, rather than Thee. Pardon, O good Lord, pardon us who justly deserve to be punished; blot out our offences, and be merciful unto us, and deliver us; make Thy right hand our shield, Thine arm our stay, and keep us, in body, soul, and spirit, this night. Chase away from us all thoughts of evil; remove all sinful imaginings, all vain desires, all disquieting and disturbing fancies, and dwell in us, in all fulness; that, having slept a quiet sleep, and in our waking hours, having meditated on Thee, Thy mercy and love, we may rise anxious for the duties of the morrow, and press into Thine house, strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, even Jesus our Saviour, in whose name we pray unto Thee, as also in His own words:—Our Father

MORNING.

O GOD, high and holy, Thou hast in mercy brought us to the opening of another week ; another Sabbath is ours, Thou hast called us to its sacred rest ; and we would dedicate its every hour to Thee. Let Thy Spirit strengthen and influence us, that we may do so. May He be our Guide and Director, in every thought, and word, and work. Let Him lead us to Thy courts with thanksgiving, and make our hearts to leap with joy that we can enter into Thy presence, and find Thee in Thine own appointed place. May He open our ears to hear the word of truth, the gospel of salvation, and our hearts to receive it as good seed, that, in due season, it may bring forth a hundred fold. And may He accompany us as we leave the sacred portals, lest we lose the seed sown ; lest present cares, or rising pleasures, meet and choke its growth, and we be worse than if we had never heard. May He shew us that all Thy paths are pleasantness, and all Thy ways peace, and lead us by the waters of comfort, into pleasant pastures, where Thou feedest Thy flock continually. And may He convince us of the sin of neglecting Thine ordinances on His holy day ; yea, may he take us each one and all into His holy keeping, that at its close we may have the approval of a good conscience ; that we may bring home with us a full portion of the bread of life which will be so freely offered to us, and of the waters of salvation which will be set before us. And these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God of Sabaoth, whom all the host of heaven obey in one perfect and unending Sabbath, how shall we, Thy sin polluted creatures, come before Thee at the close of another day of holy rest, but with contrite hearts, with the language of sorrow, and eyes which dare not look but upon the ground, under a sense of our misuse of the privileges and opportunities this day, in mercy, once more afforded us. And yet we hope, when this life is ended, and time shall be no longer, to dwell with Thee; we look to heaven as our place of rest; we ask of Him who has gone before, to prepare a mansion for us, that where He is we may be for ever. O Lord, shew us our folly, make us to see our sin; give us understandings to know that heaven will be no place of rest to him who cannot rest one day in seven; that he who will not worship Thee through Thine own Sabbaths on earth, can never learn to praise Thee through Thy one Sabbath in the mansions of eternal glory. Oh, impress this solemn truth upon the hearts of each one of us; bring it home to us with all the fulness and force of an awful conviction from which there is no escape, that we may not peril our eternal and best hopes by the neglect of Thine own day, by doing despite to Thy Spirit freely offered to us in its ordinances, but that we may ever come to Thee in Thine appointed way, through our blessed Saviour, for whose sake hear us now and ever. Amen.

MORNING.

BLESSED Lord, and God, who waitest to be gracious, we come to Thee for grace to help us in the occupations and the business of the week we have now begun. We would commit ourselves into Thy hands; we would ask Thy Spirit's blessed influence to accompany us through its every day, and to direct us in its every hour; for without Thee we can do nothing. Protect us, we beseech Thee, from all dangers and temptations; from the assaults of the great enemy of our souls, and from the lusts of the flesh. Set a watch over our lips that they offend not, and oh, keep our thoughts, which are too ready to indulge in sin, and to blot iniquity, lest they be our ruin. Make us to see Thy hand directing all things for our good, though they seem not to prosper to us; enable us to cry to Thee in every necessity, and to make every trial known unto Thee; teach us Thy statutes that we may observe them, and that, in obedience to their holy rule, we may do our every work. Bless all our honest endeavors whether on behalf of ourselves or others, and make us careful to serve our fellows, especially those of our own household, in the faith and fear of Thee. Oh, make us each to see how the welfare of his fellows is his own; how we promote our own happiness by securing the peace and comfort of all belonging to us, and how Thy favor is extended to all such. Thus, O Lord, shall we prosper in our doings, to the glory and praise of Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, what shall we do? Make these words our daily, hourly, anxious prayer, we beseech Thee. The morning dawns, and fresh duties meet us. What shall we do? be then our enquiry of Thee, O Lord; not in the spirit of indifference; not with carelessness; not as a mere form; but as from men pricked to the heart by Thy truth; as immortal beings, knowing we have to work out our own salvation; and endeavouring to do it with fear and trembling, lest we come short; lest we seek not Thy grace, which is sufficient for us, with that honest zeal which shall secure to us a sufficiency. One occupation rises after another; as each presents itself, through each day, oh, let Thy spirit stay us till we have asked—What shall we do? Will the work, to which we are called, advance Thy glory, and the kingdom of Thy Christ; Will it promote our eternal interests, and take us one step nearer heaven? And let us remember, O Lord, that, if it do not this, it leads us closer to the confines of hell; it makes us more children of Satan; for it is then his work. Yea, Lord, teach us that one Master we must serve, either Thee or the evil one; that for the kingdom of one prince we must fight, either for Thine, or the Devil's, and in this knowledge let us ask ourselves—What shall we do? And when we lie down to rest, let the same question arise, and let the answer be—Trust in the Lord, for in Him is everlasting salvation, and in Thy trust keep us to our lives' end, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God, exceeding good, whose mercy is over all Thy works, we beseech Thee to behold us who are now met together in Thy dear Son's name, and bless us. Let the light of the day, be only as the brightness of our hearts in the beam of Thy countenance, when the darkness of sin has passed away, and let the hours of this day witness unto all men that we are Thy disciples. Go forth with us into all its duties, and restrain us in all its pleasures; accompany us, whether we walk abroad or remain in our home, and be Thou our very present help and guide in all things that may happen to us. Teach our lips to speak of Thee, and of Thy doings for us; instruct our hands to work Thy work, and to labor in the faith and fear of Thee; and bless Thou O God, all our works; prosper Thou the work of our hands, oh, prosper Thou our handiwork. We can do nothing without Thee; oh, enable us to seek Thee early and late, to find Thee, and to cleave to Thee, as the Rock where is safety and a defence. Teach us, O Lord, the entire and simple dependence of a true faith; the trust, which nothing in time can unsettle, the hope that grows stronger as time fades away. Establish these precious graces within us, that we may have peace; peace with Thee, and peace with the world; joy begun here never to end, but to increase until it attain its blessed fulness in the mansions of joy and peace for ever, at Thy right hand, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O HEAVENLY Father, our very and eternal Lord God, we Thy humble creatures desire to approach Thee with the feelings of filial love. We would come unto Thee, as Thy children by adoption and grace, for Thou hast chosen us in Christ Jesus. Yea, Lord, Thou hast, in great mercy, set before us Thy law; Thou hast declared to us Thy will; Thou hast shewn unto us Thy way. Each one of us is thereby called to come unto Thee, that we may have life. But, Lord, we do not come; we are slow of heart to believe; we refuse to know, and, therefore, we cannot approach Thee in the faith, and with the confidence of disciples, of beloved children, of redeemed creatures. We stand afar off, and partake of pleasures which have no reference to Thee. We refuse, when weary and faint, to seek our refreshment and comfort from Thee, and, when our souls are heavy, and the consequences of our sin come upon us, we do not turn to Thee, for pardon, peace, and deliverance. O Lord, mould us after the likeness of Thy dear Son; forsake us not utterly; cast us not out as altogether lost; but let Thy Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, strive with us yet more and more. May He set before us our duties, our responsibilities, our hopes, our reward, and lead us into the way of all truth, that we may have joy and peace in believing, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, and very God, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O THOU good and holy God, who hast dealt so mercifully with us as a people, who hast so long preserved us from the enemy, and kept us in safety when danger and distress were around and among us, look still, we beseech Thee, with Thy favor upon this land, and bless us. We do not deserve Thy favors, but in Christ's name we plead for them; we have no claim upon Thy mercy, but in Christ and for His sake we ask boldly, and come unto the throne of grace that we may have grace and strength to help in every time of need. We ask that Thou wouldest let Thy truth have free course among us; that Thou wouldest enlighten those who yet sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, whilst they vainly imagine that life is theirs, and that they are walking in the light, and doing good deeds. Oh, remove this vain but prevailing delusion from the hearts of all who are so bound in sin; open their eyes to see the truth as it is in Jesus, and not to be content with the mere shadow, that they bear His name, and that His mark is on their brows. And if we, O Lord, are persuading ourselves that we are at ease and be saying to ourselves, peace, peace, when there is no peace, strive now, we pray Thee with us. Let Thy peace rest upon us, and preserve us; let every one who from time to time shall meet us here, find here Thy blessing, and here learn to know Thee as the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent, and worship the Trinity in Unity now and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our very God, there is none like unto Thee, who only doest wondrous things; there is none can do as Thou doest for the children of men, and we are the work of Thine hand. O God, impress this solemn truth upon us, as a heart conviction; bring it home to us in every hour, and let it influence every action of our lives, the conversation of our daily walk, and the thoughts which occupy us hour by hour. Enable us to remember that we were made not only by, but for Thee; that we were formed to glorify Thy name, and to manifest Thy power; to evidence Thy love, and to establish Thy truth. And yet how little, O God, do we either the one or the other. We walk frowardly, and pay no honor to Thy name; we shew not forth Thy power, for we walk as the heathen, in our own strength, as if we needed no power beyond our own. We will not receive Thy love, nor speak of Thy wondrous doings for us; and, though we are redeemed, because Thou hadst a favor unto us, yet we do not illustrate this truth of our God, in this our mortal life. Turn us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned; be merciful unto us, and help us; go not far from us, for vain is the help of man, but deliver us and keep us, let Thy glory shine in and from us, and establish us in every good word and work; and oh, day by day, give us more of Thy strength; day by day, renew us more in Thy likeness, and, in Thy good time, take us to Thy rest, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING

O LORD our very God, and true, who requirest truth in the inmost parts, and wilt have all men to be saved, we beseech Thee to implant in us such a love of truth that a lie may never escape our lips, nor stain our doings. Enable us to hold such close communion with our own spirits, that we speak not unadvisedly so as to misrepresent or to mislead ; and preserve us, we earnestly beseech Thee, from the bold presumptuous untruth, which might serve our temporal interests for awhile, but which must bring unrest with it here, and eternal ruin in the world to come. We are often and sorely tempted, O Lord, thus to sin ; we frequently desire to say and do things which cannot stand the scrutiny of Thy holy eye, the test of Thy perfect word. We vainly fancy we can profit ourselves, and find advantage in that which is not true ; and, if our neighbor be not injured, we flatter ourselves all is right, and well with us. O Lord, let it be so no longer ; remove from us such self-deceit, such sad delusion ; and give to us the bold front that shrinks not to proclaim the truth, to declare it openly and honestly, despite the threats of men, or the fear of consequences. And so establish us, that we may be known as Thy disciples, and trusted as Thy chosen, that we may bring forth good fruit, and by our life, and in our conversation shew forth to the world the power of grace and the strength of faith, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD God, Thou Governor of the Universe, and who orderest all things therein according to Thy good pleasure, we pray Thee to look upon us as a nation. We need Thine aid, O Lord, and we require Thy merciful protection, for vice abounds, and iniquity threatens us with ruin. The love of Thee is very feeble, and few possess it; the desire for Thine honor is weak, and men have it not; they seek their own glory, they run after their own profit, and delight in pleasure, but they regard Thee not. Spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed; desert not Thy chosen, nor those to whom Thou hast revealed Thyself by so many acts, and by so many proofs of love. We have been favored by Thee above all lands, especially that to us has been committed the pure word of Scripture, which we may read and learn without fear or threat. Enable all in authority to study that word, and to walk and rule by the holy law which it imposes on us. Open their eyes to see how best the welfare of a State may be secured, even by ruling in the faith and fear of Thee, and by taking the word of truth as the guide for every design. Let Thy Holy Spirit strive with all, high and low, sovereign and subjects, that we may approve all things honest, and may walk before Thee in the land of the living, letting Thy light and truth be seen in and through us, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD our God, who givest to all men liberally and upbraidest not, we beseech Thee to give to us the increase of faith, hope, and charity. Do Thou establish us in the faith as it is in Jesus; enable us to see Him as our Mediator, and Redeemer, and to trust to Him as the one Anchor of the soul, the only sure foundation in time and for eternity. O Lord, enlarge our hope; give it a firmer basis, a surer hold, that we may be confident in Thy promises, that we be not cast down nor dismayed; that nothing come between us and Thee to darken the bright gleam on which we would look, as hope gladdens the future for our eyes. And, let not that greatest gift charity fail within; teach us how it suffereth long and is kind, and shew it to us in all its excellence, in all its beauty, all its perfectness. Make us to understand it as a divine emanation; Thine essence, O Lord, our God. And, as every act of our blessed Saviour's life exemplified it in its fulness and purify, enable us to shew it forth before all men, that they seeing our good works, may glorify Thee our Father in heaven. Yea, Lord, let it be Thy good pleasure to work in us both to will and to do. Suffer us not to be lead astray, to turn to the right hand or to the left, but guide, keep, and preserve us as Thine own in all things; teach us by sweet experience, that all Thy paths are pleasantness, and all Thy ways peace, and uphold us against temptation, that we may glorify Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, most holy, O God, most just and true, let Thine ear be open to our prayers, and accept our evening sacrifice. We have met in Thy dear Son's name; let His Spirit influence us, as we pray. Give us that sincere, and entire dependence on Thee; that single and simple-looking to Thee, that we may feel Thee our all in all, the ground of our faith, the source of every hope, and the only giver of consolation. Make us to feel that, wheresoever we are or whatsoever we do, Thine eye is upon us, that our secret thoughts are known to Thee, and that Thou still art our covenant God, waiting to be gracious, anxious to be sought, ready and desirous to deliver from the bonds of sin, the chains of evil which encompass and enslave us. Teach us to feel this with a due sense of our danger; the certainty of evil, and eternal ruin, unless we find pardon, and then shew us, in all His fulness, His glory, that Saviour who, sitting at Thy right hand is prepared to meet all our necessities, to pity our infirmities, and to help us as a very present help in all trouble, so that we may secure that pardon we need, and which is found only through His prevailing intercession. And, O blessed Saviour, do Thou now intercede for us, that not another hour pass by ere we know our pardon is sealed, lest in the darkness of this night we be taken unawares, and die eternally. Let Thy voice prevail for us we pray Thee in all truth, O Jesus, our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, holy, merciful, and true, who can come unto Thee, or who shall stand in Thy presence. Yet we presume to come ; we would look up though we are defiled with sin, and though iniquity hath taken hold of us ; for our very worship must often witness against us ; and our words of prayer too frequently condemn us. But, with Thy holiness, Thou hast not forgotten mercy ; Thou hast remembered whereof we are made, that we are but dust and ashes, weak and miserable, and hast, therefore, given us means and aids by which we may learn to approach Thee, and approach so as to be accepted ; for the name of Jesus gives us access to Thee, and His merits are our sufficiency. We have Thy truth to seal our comfort, and to assure us, that, coming in that name, we shall in no wise be cast out. O Lord, we are now again met with the opening of another day, to seek from Thee the good things we need which none else can give, but Thou only. Let our petitions reach Thine ear, and be very merciful unto us, for Thy dear Son's sake. Shelter us during the trials of today, protect us amid its temptations, and be our shield and guide throughout its every hour. Keep our hands from every evil deed ; our tongues that they speak no guile ; and our thoughts from foolishness, lest we sin and die. Yea Lord, vouchsafe a ready answer, not for our merits but for the love of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

ONCE more, we are permitted, O good Lord, to offer our evening sacrifice at the close of a week ; once more to meet together, that we may praise Thee for Thy goodness, the many proofs of love which Thou hast given to us. Blessed be Thy holy name, O Lord, and may our hearts respond to our lips utterance of praise and thanksgiving. Life and health are preserved to us, and Thy goodness gave the boon ; we have been fed and clothed, and Thy mercy bestowed the gift ; our friends have been preserved to us, and to Thee we turn as the Author of this precious blessing ; and benefits, more in number than we can tell, have been hourly ours. Shall we then be silent ; shall we refuse to answer these many and repeated calls on our gratitude and love. Unless Thy Spirit move us, we know that we shall, for He only can open our lips to speak Thy praise in sincerity, and to worship Thee in truth. Oh, send that Holy Spirit into each of our hearts, that this meeting may be sanctified to our souls' comfort ; that we may rejoice as Thy redeemed, for whom a Saviour died, and that we may have the right preparation of our hearts, and spirits, for the duties of the morrow. Make us to look to its approach as a delight ; to long for it, as for ease to a weary frame, and to make it, when it does come, holy unto Thee, and to spend it to Thy honor and glory, O Father Almighty, for Jesus Christ's sake our God and Lord. Amen.

MORNING

O ALMIGHTY God, let Thy blessing rest upon each one of us this day; let Thy mercy guide us, and Thy love preserve us. 'Tis Thine own day; oh that we may dedicate its hours to Thee, and ourselves, through them, to Thy service. Bless us in all our duties, and be, by Thy Holy Spirit with all near and dear to us. Keep them in all their doings that their feet slip not; preserve them in their going out and coming in, and accept their services, for Jesus Christ's sake. Let Thy favor accompany all those who shall this day endeavor to teach the young; and prosper their work and labor of love. Make them to know that it is the Saviour's cause in which they are engaged; and daily increase their zeal, and strengthen their patience, that they desert not their post, nor speak feebly the great truths they ought to impress. Endue them with light from on high, and give them prayerful spirits, that they may seek directly and continually from Thee, who art the source of every good, instruction and power, and the will to work in Thy name, and for the advancement of the Saviour's kingdom. Let the Spirit direct them ever, that they may take of the things of God, to shew unto the little ones, Thy flock intrusted to them. And bless that flock; add to them day by day; call them, O Lord, from the haunts of sins, and the dens of misery where they herd, and open their ears to that word which shall make them wise unto salvation and heirs of Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

EVENING

BY Thy great mercy, O good Lord, we are brought to the close of another Sabbath in which many and precious privileges have been vouchsafed to us. We have been allowed to put aside the cares of business, the toils of life, and to meet in Thine house to praise Thy holy name, to offer unto Thee prayers and supplications, and to hear Thy word. Yea, Lord, the precious Gospel has been opened for us, Thy law has been proclaimed to us, and Thy word, in its purity has been read in our ears. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may not be satisfied to have been hearers only, but that we may be doers, of that word, lest we deceive our own souls, lest we satisfy ourselves with a shadow, and lose the substance. We know, O Lord, that it is easy to listen, but difficult to do; we have, from time to time, give attention to the warnings and promises of Scripture, and yet found it hard to follow after righteousness, though we knew the reward of such a life, the punishment for any other. Strengthen each one of us, we earnestly pray Thee, that we may amend for the future; that we may both hear and do; both learn and work Thy work, the work of Him who calleth us to do it whilst the day lasts, lest, the night coming, we should no longer be able to put out our hand in diligence, or to do anything, for in the grave is neither repentance nor a place for work; as the tree falls so must it lie. For Christ's sake, hear and answer we beseech Thee, O gracious Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL Lord God, give us the spirit of prayer now that we come before Thee with bended knees as the day opens upon us, and help our infirmities, for we cannot pray as we ought. We often profess to approach Thee; we often enter into the courts of Thine house; and we often, in private, name Thy name, and take the form of worship, when our hearts are far away, and our thoughts wander, and we forget altogether what we are doing. Yes, Lord, the best of us must own this; make the confession to lead to repentance, and to precede a perfect amendment of life. Shew us the power and efficacy of prayer; illustrate its effect in each one of us, and give us that faith without which no prayer can benefit, no petitions bring down a blessing. Now, Lord, in mercy take our hearts into Thine hands, and let the words we utter with our lips find a response there; let the desires which animate us be all that Thou wilt keep and bless us, and give us things convenient for us. We know not what to ask; we want much, and yet we may ask amiss; we may seek for things which would hinder rather than promote our spiritual good; we may set our affections on objects calculated only to draw them altogether from Thee. Give us, therefore, good Lord, what we need for both body and soul, keep us through the trials and temptations of the day, and make us to live now and ever on the assurance of Thy love in Christ Jesus, for His sake, we beseech Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O HEAVENLY Father, and God, we come unto Thee with humble faith, and a holy hope that Thou wilt accept us, for the love that Thou bearest unto Thy dear Son. We know that Thou art tender and compassionate, therefore, we open our hearts unto Thee, and ask Thee to read there our many troubles, our distresses, and our wants. O Lord, they are many, and yet, we must own that they chiefly spring of our own lusts and follies. We love the world too much, and so trouble ourselves about its follies, and its vanities. We rise early to follow its devices, and we late take rest, that we may participate in its unsatisfactory pursuits. We build up for ourselves hopes, which sickness and death banish, and we make our wishes into wants, and mourn over them, as if Thine hand were heavy upon us. Yet, Lord, we own that Thou art our God; we acknowledge Thy sovereignty, and admit Thy right to rule over us, and Thy mercy when we are spared. Oh, let Thy Spirit strive with us more and more. Remove from us that obstinacy which we so much indulge, that love of self which so greatly predominates, and draw us, by the gentle cords of Thy love, to Thyself. Take us into Thine own hands, and mould us; fashion us after Thine own likeness, and let Thy grace accompany us. We ask in Jesu's name; may it prevail for us; may His voice be heard on our behalf; and keep Thou us all by Thy great love, to our lives' end, for His sake. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, Thou hast given to us the knowledge of good and evil; Thou hast shewn us the way of life, and the path of death has been made plain before us. Mercy has directed us the course we ought to pursue, and the Holy Spirit has been promised to guide us along it to our lives' end. Oh, enable us to exercise our knowledge, and to use our gift. Strengthen us that we may set our minds on the thing which is equal; that we may look to Thy law with exceeding great delight; that we may exercise ourselves in deeds of love and kindness; and that we may follow the example of our blessed Redeemer in all things. Open our lips to speak the praises of Thy name; to tell of Thy wonders day by day. Make our delight to be in proclaiming the loving mercy of our God; in telling of all the things which Thou hast done for us. Oh, how manifold are Thy doings for the children of men, who can proclaim them. And we have known them; for we are fed by Thy bounty, and preserved by Thy care; we are upheld by Thine arm, and Thy strength is perfected in our weakness. There is nothing necessary for us, but Thou wilt do it, and all our wants may be supplied, if we only come unto Thee for the supply. We come, O Lord; we approach Thee in Jesu's name; we plead His merits; help us now and in every hour of trial and necessity, for His sake, for He is our hope, our only hope, even unto death. Amen.

EVENING.

O THOU great and eternal One, the Author of truth; the only true God; to Thee must all flesh come, and before Thy throne must all bow. Thou art God in heaven above. Thy power is seen in every place, Thy majesty in every work; open Thou our eyes to behold it. The earth is full of Thy goodness; so is the wide sea, and the heavens declare Thy glory. Day unto day uttereth speech; and night unto night sheweth knowledge; enable us to hear and understand; to read, and perceive, and so to proclaim Thy goodness to those round about us. As we know, so permit us to speak; as we learn, so to declare Thy will, and works, and law. And, that we may do this, fully and effectually, give us understanding hearts, and that patience which waiteth Thy pleasure uncomplaining, knowing that Thy promise will surely come, that, though it tarry, it cannot fail, for it is sealed to us in the blood of Thy dear Son, it is secured to us by His death, and His word has made it ours. O Lord, let each one of us be able to say—It is mine, for I believe; and help Thou our unbelief. Stablish, strengthen, perfect us. Keep us as the apple of Thine eye, and let not our condemnation be, that we have not loved our God, nor sought our Saviour, nor known the Spirit; that we have not obeyed Thee, nor walked in the steps of our great example; nor followed the emotions of the Holy Spirit; but accept us now as Thy beloved, for Jesus Christ's sake, Thy Son. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, from whom all good gifts do proceed; who openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness, we bless Thee for Thy manifold and great mercies, for Thy love and compassion day by day renewed unto each one of us. Oh, make us ever thankful for the bounties of Thy Providence; and, as we eat the food this day provided, give us grateful hearts, a lively sense of the mercy which bestows, the love which repeats it to us. Yea, Lord, make us each day more grateful, as more is given, even as each day that mercy and that love work for us, that our meals may remind us ever, should our hearts forget, from whom they all proceed, and to whose undeserved bounty we owe the smallest as well as the largest gift or good we have. And oh, pardon each one of us, that we have each and all so often forgotten this. That we have permitted days and months, nay even years to pass, with their crowd of blessings, all unremembered, all received as our due, as our deserts, when punishment and death were our deservings. Oh, that we could magnify Thy mercy now, ere it be too late. Oh, that we could feel the abundance of Thy goodness, and acknowledge it, now, whilst time is ours, and the day beams upon us, and Thy voice speaks, and an opportunity is afforded us. Let Thy Spirit sanctify us for the work this day, and keep it ever in our view, so shall we be Thy disciples indeed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD almighty, Thou art God in heaven above, and on the earth beneath, and all things were made for Thy glory. Give us to know this, and to seek Thee as if we were Thine, dependent on Thy bounty, and living by Thy love. Let us set Thee ever before us, as our chief desire, our only hope; and, now, especially enable us to do this, whilst we bow before Thee as a great and terrible God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments. We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and Thy judgments; neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets, which have spoken to us, even to all the people of the land. We have shut our ears and refused to hear, because we were rebellious, and loved the things of this world, the pleasures of sin, though they be but for a season; and have preferred them to the pleasures at Thy right hand for evermore. We have sinned, and done wickedly. O Lord, according to all Thy righteousness, we beseech Thee, let Thine anger and Thy fury be turned away from this land; cause Thy face to shine upon Thy sanctuary; let Thy mercy still gladden us, and prosperity beam around. O Lord forgive; hearken and defer not, for Thine own sake, and for the sake of Thy beloved, even Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O THOU holy God, who inhabitest the high and holy place, far above out of sight, and beyond the reach of mortal power, but seen by faith, and known to them who love Thee in sincerity and truth, reveal to us, we pray Thee, Thy holiness, that we may know whom we serve ; that we may see Thee as Thou art ; and may seek Thee with the devotion which Thy service requires, and Thy goodness merits. We were born in sin ; sin cleaves to us as our possession ; and our best services are tainted with it. We love the world much ; we make it our friend, and the thought of death saddens our joy in the life we cherish ; its coming shadows dull our future's brightest hopes ; and yet, Lord, how often and how entirely have hopes been blighted, and promises been found fleeting and false ; for with Thee only is surety, and our hopes and promises have been earthly. Give us, we beseech Thee, hereafter higher hopes ; enable us to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth ; purify us by a holier faith, and a more excellent walk, that we may grow more and more into the likeness of our great example and only Saviour, that we may follow His precepts, and shew them forth in all our doings ; that we may follow His steps, so that in and through Him we may be fitted for the heavenly mansions, and to dwell in Thy presence for evermore. Hear us for His sake, and keep us now and ever, we beseech Thee, O holy God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, our Saviour, who dying for our sins, rose again for our justification, and hast ascended into heaven, there to sit at the right hand of Thy Father, until Thou shalt come again to judge both the quick and dead; do Thou draw us by the cords of Thy mercy and love unto Thyself; lead us by Thy Holy Spirit to see our own insufficiency, that we may henceforth put away all self-confidence, all hope in ourselves, all security in worldly aid, and cleave to Thee, as the anchor of our hope, our only sure confidence. Let this be the one object of our lives, as it is the end of our being, to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we have been called; to know Thee as the sinner's only surety, the one and only access to the Father; the great atonement made for the transgressions of all mankind; the Mediator of the new covenant. Purify us from all defilement of the flesh and spirit; wash us that we may be clean. And take each member of this family and household, O Lord, under Thine especial guidance and protection; that we may meet together from time to time, and ever in the faith and fear of Thee. And, as Thou hast ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind ascend thither and dwell with Thee continually; may we wean ourselves from this world, and all its vanities and follies, and become, indeed, new creatures in Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

MORNING.

WE again, O Lord God, seek Thee in the name of our Redeemer, and plead His love to Thine attentive ear. Thou hast heaped fresh benefits upon us, and blessed us with Thy favor ; Thou hast preserved us through the darkness of another night ; Thou hast kept us from all danger, and hast, mercifully, permitted us again to meet, not only to join in one act of worship, but to ask of Thee, with one heart and one spirit, to help and assist us during the day, and to protect and guide us throughout its every hour. Oh, make us to remember that the morning must come when we shall meet no more ; that we must once bend the knee to Thee on earth for the last time, and for the last time also, once seek Thee by prayer. That, at the longest, the day is not far distant in the which our house shall be no longer a home to us ; when our friends can no longer soothe, nor our enemies distress ; when the voice of pleasure shall fail to arouse, or the cry of sorrow, to startle us. Yea, Lord, impress upon us the truth, that life, in its duration is uncertain, and death, as its close, is sure ; and do Thou so prepare and fit each one of us, during the short sojourn which is before us on earth, that, whenever the Master comes, He may find us with our loins girded, and our lamps burning, and a welcome on our lips, such as we should gladly utter to our best and dearest friend. Oh, hear us, good Lord, and answer for Thy Son's sake, our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O MERCIFUL Lord God, and gracious Saviour, look upon us in our meeting, and make this place a place of prayer; sanctify it by Thy presence, as we meet in Thy dear Son's name; and, for His sake, ever endure us with the spirit of prayer, and supplication. Enable us to seek Thee with fervent petitions; to praise Thee with warm hearts; to hallow Thy name in our lives, and to let our conversation and thoughts be frequently of Thee and Thy great mercies in Christ Jesus. Take us into Thine especial keeping, and watch over us withersoever we go; that, though tempests surround, and storms rage; though sorrows encompass, and afflictions press sore upon us, we may neither be discouraged nor despair, but bow the head with this submissive feeling in the heart, "It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good;" with this exercise of holy faith, that we regard all things as working together for our good. And also, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to bless our dear friends and relations; be Thou their Succour, their Helper, and Defender. Let Thy Spirit strive with them, that they may in all events and difficulties, overcome evil with good, and rejoice ever in Thy holy comfort. Lead them, O Lord, into the paths of righteousness, and give them peace, that peace which passeth all understanding, and which is only Thine to give. And in Thy due time, take them and us to the mansions of glory; yea, may we all meet there to praise Thee with one heart and voice for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, our very God, enable us now to seek Thee with fervent spirits, to worship Thee with sincere hearts, and to love Thee with the warmest affection of our nature. Kindle in us, day by day, more holy desires after Thee; more earnest longings for that salvation which is Thine; and more devoted service and obedience to Thy will and law. Shew us Thyself as Thou art, a perfect, holy, and pure God, who wilt not excuse sin; who requirest the most perfect obedience, and wilt punish the offender in the smallest point. Give us to understand how hard it is to live consistently with our profession, that we may strive with more earnestness, more zeal, and more watchfulness, to walk ~~worthy~~ our vocation in Christ Jesus. Oh, we stumble continually; we are very dead and cold; our hearts are numb and insensible, and we cannot do the things which belong unto our eternal peace. May these confessions, O Lord, not be idle words, not mere matters of course, a decent form, but the outpourings of contrite hearts; and in the strength of that feeling which calls them forth, may we go to the duties of this day. Let a sense of danger, and of our dependence accompany us; and do Thou be our shield and buckler. Stretch forth Thine arm to protect us, and let Thy comforting spirit give us an assurance that we are safe, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

WE have arrived, O good Lord, at the close of another week, and we would praise Thee for Thy mercies to us during its continuance. We have had experience of Thy bounty day by day, and each hour has shewn to us Thy protecting power, Thy gracious influence for good. We have lived under a safe and sheltering roof; we have enjoyed those comforts and conveniences which a home affords; and we have been fed with food convenient for us. Our clothing has not failed, nor have we had the fear of nakedness or hunger to dim a present day. Danger has not come near us, nor has death been amongst us. Whilst sickness and distress were round about, our dwelling has been safe. We would praise Thy bounty and Thy love for these things. We have had many and repeated means of grace afforded, for with each morning and evening we have been called together as now, with bended knees to seek Thy throne, and with contrite hearts to approach Thee in Christ Jesus. O Lord, enable us to appreciate Thy doings for us; make us so sensible of Thy goodness that we may seek to experience more and more of it every hour. Yea, Lord, teach us that, if we want any good thing, we must come to Thee, and ask, since Thou givest to all men liberally and upbraidest not. Give us all we need, but especially of Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O ETERNAL and glorious Lord God, before whom the angels bow in lowly reverence, as they wait to do thy bidding, and whose service is their blessed delight, enable us, we beseech Thee, though we implore Thine aid as lost and miserable beings, to come into Thy presence with that glad and happy feeling which actuates them. Renew our spirits from the taint of sin, the love of the world, the desire for honors, the hope for its goods, that Thou and Thy only, O Lord God omnipotent, mayest reign within us to make us Thy temples, and to purify us unto Thyself as chosen vessels. And again, this day, Thine especially, be Thou especially with us in its every hour, that we may perform, with diligence and zeal, the work Thou hast appointed us ; that we may speak of Thee, and Thy great mercies so continually manifested to us ; that we may proclaim Thine unceasing love, and urge sinners to come unto Thee. That we may go into Thy courts with more delight than we could find in any worldly amusement or pleasure, and that we may there keep our feet, that we offer not the sacrifice of fools, but do unto Thee true and laudable service. And, Lord, accompany, we beseech Thee, every person who shall anywhere this day join in the assembly of Thy worshipers, that united prayers may ascend throughout the land to Thy throne. And this our morning sacrifice be accepted in and through our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING.

O MOST holy Lord, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that all should be converted and live, and who hast multiplied means of grace, and given every thing that can increase man's hope of glory, we Thine unworthy servants would now offer unto Thee our unfeigned praise for the mercies of this day brought to us in their great and glorious fulness. We thank Thee that we have again been permitted to hear the sound of the gospel, the promises of pardon and deliverance, and the gracious invitations of a holy Saviour. We bless Thee for the ministrations of Thy servants, who have this day held forth to us the truth in plainness and sincerity—who have shewn to us the only true light to our feet, the only safe lantern to our paths; and have told us where peace may be found, even in our refuge, Jesus Christ. O pardon us, good Lord, because our thoughts have wandered even in the midst of these our services; because we have loved to dwell more on the things of time, than upon eternal glories; and let Thy dear Son plead on our behalf. Let Thy Spirit struggle with us for the time to come, that each returning Sabbath may find us nearer Thee as it brings us closer to the grave, that we may find ourselves renewed more and more in spirit the more frequently we pray in Thy courts, and may so taste and see that Thou indeed art gracious; and grant this for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord and Hope. Amen.

MORNING

O HEAVENLY Father, our gracious and merciful God, shew Thyself to us as Thou art, our Friend, our Benefactor, and draw us to Thee by the cords of love. We cannot come of ourselves, our strength to come is only weakness. When we think it is in our own power to obey Thee, which we sometimes do, then, teach us that we are the furthest from Thee. When we flatter ourselves that all is right within, because we wish evil to none, and would oftentimes stretch out our hand to ease in sickness, or alleviate pain, then shew us how darkly ignorant we are; and remove the delusion from us, lest it be our ruin. Yea, Lord, teach us that our nature is corrupt; that all its tendencies are evil; that it is ever imagining sin, and endeavoring to encompass iniquity. Do this, we earnestly entreat Thee, O Lord, if it be at a dear cost; and, if nothing else will do it, let Thy heavy hand be upon us, that suffering in the body, we may be saved in the spirit. But, rather, O good Lord, induce us to listen to the sweet voice of love; to the gentle accents with which a fond Parent calls his children unto him; for so Thou sometimes speakest unto Thine own. Let mercy be the persuasive with us who meet here, from time to time, in Jesu's name, and let us study Him in His holy walk and conversation, that we may be a household knit together in heavenly bands, and fearing, and serving Thee all our days. And grant this for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD our God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, we seek Thy favor and grace; we ask Thee to be present with us, and to bless us. We would learn to know Thee more completely, and we would worship Thee more entirely, but we are not able to do this; our flesh and our strength fail; but be Thou our support, and stay, O Lord our God, and we are secure; pain then will be the assaults of the evil one within, and the attacks of men without. But, above all things, and due us, we beseech Thee, with humble spirits; root out that pride which lurks in the heart of every one of us; that self-confidence which mars our best hopes, and prevents Thy indwelling in us. And enable us to prove our humility before Thee, by a cheerful and willing and active obedience and submission to every ordinance of man, for Thy sake. Silence within us all rebellious thoughts, all evil imaginings, all proud and presumptuous stirrings of disaffection and disquiet. Remove from among us every thought but of humble obedience to Thy law in its smallest point. Make us to be of one heart and one mind; give us the spirit which was in Christ Jesus, who paid tribute, who obeyed the laws, and despised not authority; for so is Thy will, O Lord; and only so can we walk worthy of our vocation in Jesus Christ, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. And oh, grant that we deceive not ourselves with a show of obedience, when we do not obey in heart, but enable us to know ourselves, and Thy law, and to walk in it all the days of our life, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MORNING.

LET Thy mercy be revealed for us, O Lord, and Thine ear be attent to our prayer; let the name of Jesus, which hallows our meeting, make it acceptable in Thy sight, and cause us to rejoice in it as a sacrifice which has been pleasing unto Thee. O Lord, make these stated times of prayer, times of refreshing to our souls, of comfort to our weary spirits, of grace and blessing from on high. Increase in us, day by day, a love for them. Enable us to understand them more fully the oftener we meet; that we may see them as types of another meeting, when the Lord of the sheepfold shall come to gather his flock, even such, though only such, as have loved to gather themselves together in His name. Thou lovest, most gracious God, to hear Thy people pray; Thou longest for the outpourings of grateful, waiting hearts; of hearts bowed down by a sense of sin, which weighs upon them heavily, yet rejoicing in that mercy which is ready to lift them up, and to give the oil of joy for mourning; to make glad the contrite one; to speak peace where there is no peace, and to write the name of the truly penitent in the book of life. O Lord, give us that true repentance; speak to us comfortably; and favor us with the happy assurance that our names are recorded with those of Abraham, and the list of the faithful unto the coming of our God, to whom, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we would ascribe all honor, might, majesty, and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O THOU adorable Lord Jehovah, Thou eternal Saviour Jesus Christ, accept us, we beseech Thee. As Thou hast proved Thy love to man by so many mercies, by such unbounded love; by compassion, by suffering, by pity, and, more, by death, a death cruel and ignominious, and inflicted by Thine own people and kindred, and companions; and as Thou hast left Thy Spirit to assist us, and to prove still further Thine undying love; oh, look upon us, who need the extreme Thy mercy can afford, all Thy love can grant. Satan is very busy around and for us; he lures by tempting pleasures; he promises fair things; he prophesies for us deceits in fair words, and gives to life the bright smiles of happiness, and we are continually deceived and led astray. Pardon, good Lord, and remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Keep us as a household for which Thou hast a favor; let Thy light shine into every dark heart, and Thy Spirit dispel every gloomy and evil thought and imagination, that we may have joy and peace in believing; that we may have boldness to come as Thy redeemed, and to claim from Thee all Thy promises; that we may remember all Thy love, forbearance, and compassion, and still cling unto Thee, for Thou art our only Saviour and Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD God almighty, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, and who orderest all things in heaven and on earth, look upon us in mercy and compassion, and bless us in all our degrees and relations of life. Be with us as a nation ; be gracious unto our Queen, and direct her by Thy Spirit, that she may seek Thy glory in her reign, and adorn the doctrine of God her Saviour in all things. Give to her Senators wisdom and discretion ; open to them Thy law, as the rule of every action, and their guide in every council ; as their director here, since it must witness for or against them hereafter. Bless in an especial manner our Bishops and Pastors ; give them light from on high ; endue them with spiritual wisdom and strength ; make them faithful under-shepherds ; diligent, and zealous, and watchful for those over whom they are set, as Thine own people entrusted to them for good. Overrule the councils of the Parliament now assembled in every act, that all may be done to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of our Sovereign and her dominions ; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations ; and that Thy name may be magnified in this land, and made known by us far and wide, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. Amen.

EVENING.

O GOD, the God of truth, Thou holy One and true, hear us, we beseech Thee, as we ask Thy blessing upon us. We have met in Thy dear Son's name, and we would seek Thy favor, through Him, upon our household and its duties. Give to each one of us such a love of truth, such honesty, such diligence, such zeal, that we may in all things approve ourselves as Thy disciples. Take from us every prejudice and feeling which may interfere with the single service of Thee, which Thy gospel requires. Turn our eyes to the word of life and light, that we may there read Thy law in its purity and perfectness, untainted by the gloss of human invention, unshorn by the will of foolish man. And, having found there Thy truth, strengthen us, O Lord, by Thy Spirit, to walk therein all the days of our life. Enable us, not only to exemplify this rule in our every action, but to speak of it with our lips, and to enforce it by every means in our power. Shew us that, in deceiving others, we only the more grievously deceive ourselves; that we rob ourselves of Thy favor, and insure to ourselves misery as our portion in the world to come. It is Thy Spirit's work; oh, work it in us, we beseech Thee, that we may press forward to the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, we would ascribe all honor, glory, power and dominion, now and for evermore. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, hide not Thy face from us, though we have broken Thy covenant. Let not Thine anger be kindled against us, though we have forsaken Thy law, and followed our own imaginings, and done evil continually. We have gone astray, like sheep that are lost, and who shall recall us; we have wandered far away into the wilderness, and who shall bring us back. O Lord, rise in Thy might and help; let Thy mercy do excellent things for us, and Thine arm be stretched forth on our behalf. Lead us, as Thou didst Thy chosen ones of old, and work for us; but oh, give us obedient hearts, prayerful spirits, submissive wills. Open our mouths with a song, even a thanksgiving unto our God. Let our voices be heard early and late speaking unto our Saviour and our Lord, in words of earnest prayer, in deep supplication, for He only is mighty to save, and in Him is surety. And do Thou especially look upon this family and household; blot out the offences of each one of us, for we have all much need of pardon. Pardon also those who are near and dear to us; give to all Thy grace and heavenly blessing. Let Thy truth spread and multiply, and many be daily turned unto Thee, that peace and prosperity may reign among us, that the land may give her increase, and we may know Thee from the least to the greatest to be our reconciled God in Christ Jesus, in whose name we ask, and further in whose words we pray:—Our Father

EVENING.

O LORD God, from whom is every good and perfect gift, we dare to come into Thy presence with our earnest petitions that Thou wouldest perfect in us holiness in the fear of Thee. We are strangers and pilgrims here on earth; we are journeying to another country. Here we have no abiding city, but we look for one, even in the heavens, because Jesus died that we might live with Him there for ever. Oh, let our walk be as if we felt this; suffer us not to be weary or to loiter; let not our hearts faint, nor our spirits sink, because sorrows meet us, and troubles encompass. Bear Thou us up, O Lord, and give Thine holy angels charge over us in all our ways, lest our feet slip. We often stumble, for difficulties meet us; we often delay, for dangers threaten; we cannot press onward as we would and ought; because we trust to ourselves and there is no strength in us. Give us the strength we so much need, good Lord; refresh us amid the toils of life, and help us through its many difficulties. Yea, Lord, let us help each other; open our mouths to speak with affectionate kindness, as we sit together, of the things which belong unto our peace, that we may lay them to heart, that we may consider our latter end and be wise, that we may grow in grace, and advance in the way of salvation. And do this, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

MORNING

O LET us rejoice in the Lord, let us praise His holy name. Let us tell of His wondrous works, and declare His goodness. He is our God and Saviour, and hath done marvelous things for us. From our youth He hath sustained us, and He keeps us in every hour; He shields us from danger, and giveth us the blessings of health and peace; and His mercy is in every place. O Lord, hear us, and open our mouths that we may speak Thy praise; strengthen us by Thy grace, that we may shew it forth in our life and conversation. Open our eyes to read it in the obedience of all created things but man; for all obey Thee. We walk abroad and see the seasons, Thy glad messengers, calling into being the herb, and bud, and fruit, as the sunshine beams or burns upon them. We mark the rain gladdening creation, and growing verdure ready at its call. The heavens declare Thy glory and the firmament sheweth Thy handy-work. The winged fowls sport through the air to do the part Thy providence has assigned them; and even the minutest insect obeys the instinctive biddings of Thy will. Oh, pardon us, that we, gifted with reason, and girt with strength, should wander from Thee our great and gracious God, and trust to ourselves for good and happiness; and help us to that wisdom which only can make us wise, whose way is salvation; and preserve us by Thy Spirit from further presumption; that we may indeed rejoice in Thee and praise Thy holy name O God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, our trust, vain is the help of man, vain every hope fixed on this world, all confidence placed on any thing human. Thou art God in heaven above, and rulest over all; Thou openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness; Thy mercy is over all Thy works. Thy goodness is shewn in every place, and Thy faithfulness and truth are known to the sons of men. Yet we have trusted in others; we have looked to ourselves; we have said, we are men, and who shall gainsay us, and we have been as if we were gods. Yet evil has been present with us; our hopes have vanished as a mist; our joys have made to themselves wings, and flown away; our schemes have been blighted; and our best prospects have withered ere they were matured. And so Thou, O Lord, hast mercifully warned us, and reasoned with us. Thou hast shewn us how vain is flesh to save and help, when a Saviour died; though He came to save from death and the grave, when the Lord of peace could not bring peace. Oh, mercifully continue Thy warnings to us though they be severe; deal with us, as with those whom Thou wouldest have as Thy children indeed, and keep our feet in the right way; speak to us of a hereafter where all is joy, a heaven where is eternal rest, and lead us to Him who is gone before to prepare a place for us, and hear us now and ever for His sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, whose eyes are over the righteous, and whose ears are open to their prayers, look upon us in this our meeting, and hear the prayers which we would now utter to Thee, in the name of our adorable Saviour, Jehovah Jesus. We would ask Thee to take us, each one, into Thine especial care and keeping, and to relieve the necessities of each, as Thou seest fit. Mould us in accordance with Thy holy law; set before us the perfect example of Him who went about doing good, in whose mouth was no guile, and who, by patience exercised Himself in trials, and sufferings keen and many. Enable us to study and to understand His love, so even, so continuous, so vast; and endue us with a like spirit, that we may be found to continue in well doing, seeking to occupy ourselves on behalf of others, and in the promotion of Thy kingdom and glory. Give us grace to refrain our tongue, that unruly member, that we speak no evil; that we utter no malice, that we offend not in any word. Oh, make us especially careful, lest we be moved to angry words, to vain language, to unprofitable conversation, for we are warned that every idle word shall witness against him who speaks it at the last. Be ever present with us when we are tried by anger; when our spirit would arise, oh, then be Thou nigh to help, and to restrain us by Thy good Spirit. And perfect us, according to the perfection of Jesus, and hear us for His sake now and ever, we most humbly beseech Thee. Amen.

EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, we come before Thee, at the close of another week, confessing our sins, and seeking from Thee that forgiveness which it is Thine only to grant. O Lord, be merciful unto us, and let not the offences of which we have been guilty during its progress witness against us at the last day; but let our penitence be sincere, and the atonement of our Saviour effectual on our behalf. Enable us, this night, as we retire to our rest, to examine ourselves, and whereinsoever we have done amiss, to seek Thy pardoning grace and mercy. Shew us our sin in its infirmity; in its rebellion against Thy divine Majesty; in its ingratitude against Thy bountiful Providence, and in its awfully ruining consequences. Make us to understand its nature and character, so that we may hate all sin with a perfect hatred, and, repenting of the past, may strive earnestly for that strength which shall keep us for the future, that we offend not as we have done. And, O Lord, in mercy keep us this night; preserve us from all danger; and let us not lie down upon our beds until we have sought Thee in the silence of our own chambers, and asked, each for himself, Thy protecting love. Let our rest be refreshing, a renewing of our weakened energies for the holy and delightful duties of the morrow; and quicken us for them; shew them to us as blessed privileges, means of grace, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, and faith in His blood. And in his name we now and ever ask Thee to hear us, O Lord our God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD arise, and let Thine enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Thee flee before Thee. Like as the smoke vanisheth so shalt Thou drive them away; and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at Thy presence, O God. But, O Lord, be merciful unto us, and spare us; send Thy Holy Spirit upon us, in His fulness and power, to open our understandings, and to touch our hearts, that we may read Thy word and so profit thereby, that we may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. May He dwell with us now and ever; and may His quickening influence direct our every thought and action. May He purify us from the taint of sin, and teach us its exceeding sinfulness; may He shew us our God in His purity and holiness, and convince us how impossible it is for any unholy thing to stand before Him. May He strive with us, especially on this day, and be to us as cloven tongues of fire, burning into us, and being visibly seen by our lives and actions, that all men may know us to be Thy disciples, and that we may evermore rejoice in His holy comfort; yea, that each one of us may rejoice with joy unspeakable; may stand in Thy presence, as before a kind and loving Father rather than an angry and just Judge. These things we seek, O Lord, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

EVENING.

THE Sabbath is closing, another day of grace is nearly ended, means and opportunities many and great have passed away, O Lord, and what have we done. The voice of Thy minister has sounded in our ears ; the united prayers of a congregation have mingled with the words of our lips ; and Thy praises have been said and sung in Thine own house where we were, O Lord ; and again may we ask ourselves, what have we done. Pardon us, good Lord, that we have done so little in Thy service, as Thy disciples, and to Thy honor and glory. Shew us our great sin ; convince us of our iniquity, lead us to Thyself for pardon, give us Thy Holy Spirit to direct us for the future, and let our peace be sealed through the blood of the covenant. Oh, let not the enemy triumph over us ; for he is mighty and strong, and we are very weak ; but endue us with Thy strength, and give to us the victory over the evil one. And do Thou, we beseech Thee, pardon the many short-comings this day of all Thy worshiping servants, wheresoever they may be. Teach us all better things, that since we have been baptised with water, we may prove also that the baptism of the Holy Ghost has been ours ; that He is our hope, and guide, though at times we look away, and depart from Him ; that to Him only do we seek for any sanctifying influence, and in His strength rejoice, as our Comforter, our exceeding great friend and stay, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, our very God, the Maker and Preserver of all things, and to whom all flesh must come, we beseech Thee, in Thy mercy, to teach us the way unto Thee here; put our feet into Thy paths; lead us in the right way, that we may be prepared to dwell with Thee for ever hereafter. Yea, Lord, do Thou, of Thy great goodness, pour out upon us the precious gift of Thy Holy Spirit, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and minds; to overrule our evil wills, to destroy our earthly affections, and to keep alive within us the heavenly truths which we from time to time have learned. We have been privileged, O Lord, thanks to Thy great love, to attend Thine ordinances, and to listen to Thy word; the voice of rebuke and warning has sounded for us; the words of instruction have been uttered in our ears; and often have we felt Thy godly motions within us; but we have turned away again, and shewn our love to be for the world more than for Thee, and that our affections were here and not on heaven. Oh, grant now that change which must precede an entrance to a heavenly rest; let us not be building our hopes from an earthly foundation, but, looking unto Jesus in all things, let us raise our fabric of faith, and work in Thy strength whilst the day lasts, that, in the end we may attain unto eternal life, and joy, in the presence of our God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD our God, Thy mercies are manifold, who shall declare them ; Thy love is all pervading, who can measure it. The mind of man cannot do this ; nor the heart of man, for it is evil continually ; it loves life, and trusts to worldly wealth, and ease, and profit, whilst things of eternity are allowed to pass away. Each day proves this to every one of us, O Lord. Stretch forth then Thine hand in mercy to save, and let Thy right hand deliver us. As Thou didst of old lead Thy people through the wilderness, so lead us, O God. Let Thy mercy lighten upon us, and Thy truth help us. Vain, O Lord, is the help of man ; all his endeavors are vain, and his strength is vanity. His labor profiteth him nothing, and no success attends them, if Thou give not the blessing. But Thou art all-sufficient ; Thou art the rod and staff of every one who will come to Thee for help and support. Oh, be Thou nigh unto us ; and help us to draw nigh unto Thee. Let these our petitions come into Thy presence, for Christ is our Advocate ; hear our prayer, for He is our Mediator, and be merciful unto us, and give us life, for He died that we might live. Teach our hearts to rejoice in Thee, O God, with exceeding great joy ; give us that peace which the world, with all its allurements, can never give, and which with all its troubles, and distresses, it can never take away ; and hold us secure in Thy hand through every hour, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord God. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, with whom dwell the spirits of just men made perfect, and in whose hands are the issues of life and death, we beseech Thee to look upon us, who are yet struggling against the trials of time, and who are subjected daily to the assaults of temptation. Look upon us in pity, and let Thy compassion wake for us; let Thy Spirit strive with us, and teach us the things which belong unto our peace before they be hid from our eyes. Our days are short; time is very brief; we walk today in the sunshine of life, and tomorrow the shadows of death overtake us; we rejoice today in the pleasures and profits of this world, and the next day shews us that they are but vanity and vexation of spirit, for at Thy breath they have fled away and are not. O Lord, shew us where is true and lasting pleasure, even at Thy right hand for evermore; explain to us what is real profit, even to gain heaven, and an eternity of joy. And let us seek them through Him who has made them ours; yea, who has given them to each one of us, if we will only put forth our hand and lay hold of them. Thou wouldest not that any should perish; Thou hast given us assurance of this in the death of Thy dear Son; and Thou daily provest it to us by the whisperings of conscience, and the warnings of Thy providence. Oh, save us, and deliver us, preserve and strengthen us, and keep us by Thy Spirit to the great day, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy goodness; every day renews it to us; every hour shews it in brighter colors, and every moment is its sure evidence. Thine hand, O Lord, is ever stretched forth for good, Thine arm is ever extended in mercy; for Thou wouldest preserve that which Thou hast created, and for us man and for our salvation did a Saviour die, even Jesus Christ the righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins. O Lord, teach us to learn the great truth of Thy love, from its abundant evidence which surrounds us. Enable us to read it in our own preservation, our security from danger, our health, our strength, and all that we partake of and enjoy, here; but more in our hopes, those hopes so abundantly held out to us, of an eternity of joy, a rest from labor, and an unending participation in the glories of Thy presence hereafter. Yea, Lord, turn our eyes often to the sacred records of Thy love, written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the world are come; and for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. And enlarge our view of them, let Thy Holy Spirit open our hearts to receive them, that they may become our rule and guide in all things, until our life itself be one offering of praise to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

MORNING.

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EVENING.

O LORD most high and holy, our God, we come before Thee as our Maker from whom we have received every thing we possess, and we beseech Thee as our Redeemer, from whom we hope to receive all we need. Our need is great, O Lord, and yet we ask boldly, for our confidence is strong. Jesus Christ has died, and, therefore, we may live, and this is the ground of our hope and our confidence for ever. Be merciful unto us and keep us in such hope whatever may betide; if sorrows come, still sustain us, and enable us to keep ever in view that heaven where we would be, and that Saviour, who died to purchase it for us. Remove not from us the confidence with which Thou hast strengthened us, O Lord; but increase it daily. Let the events of every day be such as may tell us of Thyself as a God of love and mercy; and oh, let our consciences bear testimony that we have read those events aright. And, with the close of each day, bring us to serious self-examination; open to us our hearts, and grant us the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may see them in all their deformity; that we may trace within them the lines of evil which are so closely coiled, and then give us strength and grace to cast them out, that Thou mayest dwell therein and bless us. We need Thy blessing; we need all Thy love; oh, let us not cast them from us when so freely offered. Hear and grant these our petitions, we pray Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING.

O LORD, another day has dawned upon us, and we are safe; another night has passed away, and we have been preserved, and blessed. Thou hast given to us the refreshment of sleep; Thou hast kept us from all danger. Oh, let us praise Thy holy name for these among Thy many mercies and benefits; let us say unto Thee, Thou art our God, and our salvation. And, do Thou, O Lord, go forth with us this day to protect in every hour, and under every trial. Temptations will overtake us, be Thou nigh to help; disappointments may arise, be Thou with us to strengthen and support; pleasure may dazzle, or profit delight, let then Thy hand be present to save us from sin, lest we be led to fix our hearts upon them, lest we be lifted up, and think that all is so bright here, we need not give our minds to aught beyond the present, and this life. Thou, O Lord, knowest what is best for us; Thou only canst tell what will most surely work for our salvation, and secure to us a place in the heavenly mansions. We would, therefore, put ourselves into Thy hands; we would now ask Thee to take us into Thine especial care and protection, to watch over us, and to guard us. Be Thou the especial Guardian of this house; keep every one who may, from time to time, dwell among us under the shadow of Thy wings, and let Thy peace be ever with and follow us, that we may live in safety, and know that Thou art God indeed, to the glory and honor of Thy name, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD, what is man that Thou art mindful of Him, or the Son of man that Thou visitest him. We have deserved nothing from Thee, and yet Thou condescendest to be our God, and Guide; because Thy mercy endureth for ever. Thou lovest us, and Thou hast redeemed us from sin and death, and all Thou askest is that we should make that redemption sure. Enable us, good Lord, to lay it to heart. Make us to remember that we were born in sin and the children of wrath; that we were under condemnation; that we had no hope, and no assurance, none to look to, and none to help, when Thy dear Son came to die for us, that we might possess all these things. Time is passing rapidly away, and yet we neglect them; our days flee, and yet we do not secure them. O Lord, help us to work out our salvation. Shew us our daring iniquity, and our folly, because we might live and we will not; we might rejoice, but we refuse that joy which faith must impart; we might have heaven as ours, and we prefer earth with all its sorrows, and its trials. Again, and again, O Lord, strengthen us to come unto Thee for help; shew us more plainly our need, and be very merciful unto us. Let this night witness to Thee, by the private supplications, and the earnest cries which we shall offer in our own chambers, that we wish to live, and bless every one of us, for Jesu's sake, with that life which is not of time, but eternal, which is not only now but hereafter, even with Thee, and Thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ in heaven. Amen.

MORNING

O ALMIGHTY God, who seest what is in man, we beseech Thee so to impress that great truth upon each one of us, that we may be led to examine ourselves, and to prove ourselves, lest, while we count ourselves Thy faithful servants, we stand as deceivers before Thee. Yea, Lord, lead us, with each morning's dawn, to bring ourselves to the test of Thy holy word; to read there the things which Thou requirest from man, and then to turn our eyes inwards, to learn if our thoughts and intentions are all in accordance with its strict requirements. We are too careless in this matter; we rise up from our beds, as if Thou wert not; as if all must be well; and as if neither disease nor death could come nigh us. We meet our companions with the laugh of pleasure or thoughtlessness, and we pass too many of our days without God in the world; Thou art not in all our thoughts, neither do we trouble ourselves to walk as our great Example walked, in holiness before Thee, and in good works towards all men. O Lord, pardon and give us true repentance; let godly sorrow reign in our hearts, and holy love stir them; let our risings be to bless Thy name, and our goings forth to do Thy work; and enable us to prosper in it, that our days may be spent in cheerfulness; that we may rejoice in Thy goodness, and glorify Thy name, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

LET Thine ear, O Lord, be attent unto our prayers; let the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice. We come into Thy presence in the name of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and trusting in His merits. Thou hast loved to hear Thy people plead His name; for He is very dear unto Thee. Oh, give us such love, that we may love Him with all our heart, and mind, and strength; that we may cleave to Him, as to our best Friend; that we may look to Him as our only Saviour, and may tell of all His doings on our behalf. We love the world, and the things of the world; we follow after pleasure, and the creatures of time; objects of sense please us, and our hearts are soon set upon them. Oh, wean our affections from such unprofitable things; draw us away from such vain attachments, and set before us, in His fulness, Jesus dying that we might live; Jesus suffering that we might have peace; Jesus bearing pain, and scorn, that we might have ease and glory. And let Thy Holy Spirit so work in us, that He may make such contemplations profitable to our souls; that He may give us an abiding sense of our Saviour's goodness, and such heavenly desires as may fit us to dwell for ever with Him in heaven. Yea, Lord, teach us to set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth, that we may live unto Thee, and die unto Thee, and dying, be Thine for evermore. Oh, grant this for the sake of Him, who died that we might live, Jesus Christ our Saviour, Lord, and God. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, most holy, everlasting, and true, do Thou take now the heart of each of us in Thine hand, and mould and fashion it, that it may be made holy unto Thee. Let it be the fountain of good, bringing forth things acceptable in Thy sight, that our conversation may be of Thee, our goings towards Thee, and all our doings for Thee and in Thy service, O holy Lord God. Teach us Thine everlasting covenant in Christ Jesus; that mercy which Thou hast reserved in all time, for all men, who will seek it from Thee through Him. Shew us by faith the heaven which is prepared for Thy people, the everlasting habitations of rest and peace where we may all be if we will. And impress upon our hearts and minds that Thou art true, and requirest truth in the inward parts; that Thou wilt not receive, nor look upon, save in Thy wrath, any one who deceives, or denies the truth. Teach us the nature of this holy qualification for the mansions of glory, that we may not be deluding ourselves, and sacrificing our own souls, whilst we are vainly persuading ourselves that all is peace within. Give us that constant watchfulness, without which we must err against the truth continually, for we are prone to go astray and speak lies; we profess with our lips what the hands have not done, and because man sees not the lie we think we are safe. Oh, be merciful unto us, teach, and keep and bless us with holiness and truth now henceforth and for ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

EVENING

O LORD, how great is Thy mercy, and how boundless Thy love; vainly could we try to recount Thy doings for us; vainly endeavor to tell of Thy goodness, which every hour renews, and every moment multiplies. Another week is now closing upon us, with its array of them; and we would try to utter forth Thy praise, and tell of Thy wonders in the voice of thanksgiving. Oh, open Thou our lips, that we may do this; bless our opportunities of thus meeting in Thy dear Son's name, and make us to feel that it is good for us to be here, since Thou hast promised to be with those who so meet, and to answer the united petitions of those who so ask. Enable us, O Lord, to ask and receive, that our joy may be full. And, ere we retire to our quiet rest, give us the happy assurance that our week has not been spent in vain; that we have not wasted all its precious hours, nor let slip treasures of mercy in neglected means of grace; but, where we have done amiss, and we must confess that our doings have been far from agreeable to Thy holy and pure law, oh, pardon, and give us a sincere repentance; make us to understand our danger, since we practised evil in the light of knowledge, and against conviction, and so lead us day by day, that we may day by day learn more fully to understand Thee, and to love and serve Thee better, until we arrive at the end of a being blest by Thy favor and spent in Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord and God. Amen.

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